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Two soldiers cry Friday, as they kneel beside the flower-covered grave of Staff-Sgt. Ze'ev Zommerfeld, killed in the clash with Hizbullah on Thursday night.

3 soldiers killed in Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

Fighting continued in south Lebanon yesterday following the clash north of the security zone late Thursday night in which three members of an elite paratroop unit were killed and seven others wounded.

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At least two Hizbullah gunmen were also killed in the battle, which was followed by fierce fighting lasting into the early hours of Friday morning.

At daybreak on Friday, the IAF blasted Hizbullah targets in the southern Bekaa Valley, following the heavy night-time bombardments of the region by IDF gunners, supported by helicopter gunships.

The soldiers killed in the clash were Capt. Eran Shamir, 22, of Mazkeret Batya, where he is to be buried at 4 p.m. today; Staff-Sgt. Ze'ev Zommerfeld, 20, of Asseret, where he was buried on Friday; and Staff-Sgt. Ran Mezuman, 22, of Tiberias, who was also buried on Friday.

Four of the wounded, including the commander of the unit, Maj. Motti, suffered light to moderate wounds and the other three were lightly hurt.

Four of the wounded were taken to Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital and two were subsequently released. The three others are in Haifa's Rambam Hospital. They were visited there on Friday by President Ezer Weizman, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine.

The paratroop unit, which had split into two groups, was on an initiated operation northwest of the Zummriya crossing point on the northeastern border of the zone, apparently trying to ambush

Hizbullah squads en route to the zone.

The terrorists, however, took the ambushers by surprise and opened fire first, according to the findings of the IDF's initial inquiry. Military sources said it appeared that the presence of a Hizbullah squad in that location and at that time was coincidental.

One of the soldiers was killed and three others, including the commander of the force, were wounded in the first burst of fire.

"There was a sudden burst of fire from close quarters," said Maj. Motti. "There were grenades that we threw and they threw and shooting. The second group, led by my deputy (Shamir), who was killed, joined the fighting. He was the one who led the charge against the terrorists."

Maj. Motti refused to leave the field and continued to give orders until Shamir took charge and managed to lead the regrouped paratroopers in a charge against the Hizbullah squad, killing at least two of them.

At that point there was apparently a lull in the fighting that enabled the evacuation of the casualties. The remainder of the paratroopers began to pull back to their pick-up point.

By then, however, Hizbullah reinforcements were already en route to the scene and their gunners opened fire with mortars, machine guns, and light weapons. Two more IDF soldiers were killed and four others wounded.

The helicopter evacuation of the casualties was difficult because of the darkness, the rocky terrain, and the Hizbullah fire. IDF artillery bombarded the region with as many as 400 rounds within three hours, supported by helicopter gunships.

The helicopters also came under fire from Hizbullah and Lebanese Army troops. They returned fire, hitting a Lebanese Army checkpoint and destroying an armored personnel carrier.

Despite the heavy fighting, the rescue helicopters were able to evacuate the casualties. The pilot of one of the Blackhawks, Capt. I.

flew to the scene three times. His actions and those of his crew, as well as the soldiers on the ground, were praised by Levine. He said the evacuation was carried out in exemplary fashion despite all the difficulties.

"The force carried out its mission, despite the difficult circumstances and succeeded in killing the [Hizbullah] squad," Levine told reporters. "The evacuation and the treatment of the casualties, according to the findings of the initial inquiry, was done correctly and at a high level, including the participation of the helicopters, especially the rescue helicopter."

"The incident was one that we initiated, as part of the uncompromising and unceasing war against Hizbullah in south Lebanon," Shahak said. "In a war, however, even when you intend surprise, you don't always succeed, and the troops did not succeed in having the element of surprise. They were the ones taken by surprise and we all know the results."

"It should be remembered, however, that the terrorists also suffered fatalities, some of whom were killed by the unit. This is war and in war there's no guarantee, even when you are the initiator, that everything will be exactly as you planned."

Shahak, Levine, and Mordechai held an initial debriefing with the soldiers involved at an army base in the center of the country on Friday morning. There are to be further inquiries into the incident.

Meanwhile, fighting continued yesterday, with Hizbullah launching several mortar attacks at IDF and primarily SLA positions in the security zone. In one of the attacks, a direct hit was scored on an SLA outpost, lightly wounding one of the soldiers. There were no other casualties, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Yesterday evening, the IAF again struck at Hizbullah targets in the general area of Thursday night's clash. The IDF Spokesman said that the pilots reported direct hits on the targets and that all planes returned safely to base.

Albright won't visit until stalemate ends

By HILLEL KUTTNER and news agencies

WASHINGTON - US peace envoy Dennis Ross, who returned to Washington yesterday, will soon return to the Middle East to advance peace talks with the Palestinians, Foreign Minister David Levy said on Friday.

Levy was due to discuss another Ross mission in a second meeting with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright last night, prior to his departure for home.

Albright on Friday called Ross's just-completed mission "fairly productive," but turned up the heat on Israel and the Palestinians to move the peace process forward.

Albright also conditioned her first visit to the region on a breakthrough in the stalemate.

"I think that clearly there continues to be the need to bring the parties together in a really strong and productive dialogue," Albright told reporters prior to meeting with Ross.

"Obviously, the US will do what we can here and will keep pursuing our role. But it is the parties that have to make the difficult decisions. As for my own plans, as I have said a number of times, I have been deeply involved in this. The questions are: When will I go to the region? The region has been coming here... But I will go when the time is right and when the parties are prepared to really make some of the decisions that are required."

Levy said Israel supports the notion of providing \$50 million in economic assistance for countries supporting peace, most of which would go to Jordan, but would not state how that might be accomplished. The US has acknowledged holding discussions with Jerusalem on the matter, with sources stating the amount would come out of US aid to Israel and Egypt.

"Aid to Jordan is a mutual desire of the US and Israel," Levy said. "It's an important link to strengthen the peace process. I'm sure we'll find a common way to achieve this goal."

Albright concurred, stating that President Bill Clinton has discussed the proposal with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who "shares an interest" in establishing such a fund.

"We are now examining with the Israelis details on how best to move forward on this. When we reach a conclusion... we'll be consulting with Congress," Albright said. Meanwhile, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns rebuked the Palestinians for their complaints about Ross's handling of the peace

process, saying that "these ridiculous allegations that somehow he is prejudicial toward some party versus another don't really deserve much comment."

Ross "is one of the most respected people in our government. He has the absolute confidence of Secretary Albright. She believes in him and she fully stands behind him," Burns said.

Ross said before heading home on Friday, there is a "very clear desire" to break the deadlock.

"I think what is important as I leave the region is that there is a very clear desire to find a way out... to find a way to promote moving towards peace," Ross said after a two-hour meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Nabulus.

Palestinian officials said Arafat, who had declined to meet Ross on Thursday, told him he wanted the US to take a more active role in mediation.

"Arafat told Ross that a greater American role is the only way out of the crisis," said Arafat adviser Nabil Abu Rudeineh. Cabinet secretary Danny Naveh told Israel Radio on Friday that "there is an attempt, apparently, by the PA, by its leader, to create an artificial crisis." Arafat sent a letter to Clinton

complaining indirectly at Ross's performance and asking Clinton to personally step in to salvage the process, Abu Rudeineh said.

"Arafat informed Ross that he is not happy with the American mediation role and the Israeli delaying tactics. That is why he sent the letter to President Clinton asking him to intervene personally to resolve the crisis," he said.

The Palestinian cabinet warned yesterday that peace is doomed unless the US gets more involved and forces Israel to freeze settlement construction.

A cabinet statement issued after a four-hour session suggested more violence could erupt if the two-month deadlock continues much longer.

According to Levy, who spoke with Israeli reporters in his hotel suite, Albright predicted that the atmosphere would improve once the tractors begin work on housing developments promised for Arabs in Jerusalem. But he would not say when that would occur.

The Iranian threat was a key item on the agenda of Levy's meetings with Albright and later with National Security Adviser Sandy Berger. Levy also called "intolerable" the shipment of what he said were 38 fully loaded cargo planes of weaponry from Iran to Hizbullah, via Syria.

BACKGROUND

Luck often plays a role in war

By DAVID RUDGE

In the guerrilla war being waged between the IDF and South Lebanese Army and Hizbullah, luck can sometimes play a crucial role.

The question of who manages to open fire first is often the vital element in deciding the outcome of a close-range encounter, especially in the wadis and brush-covered rocky terrain of south Lebanon.

A great deal also depends on precise intelligence, careful planning, sophisticated equipment and weaponry, and the kind of back-up preparations that take into account all possibilities.

But even the toughest soldiers, adhering to the best-laid plans, cannot always come out on top if they suddenly find themselves in the right place at the wrong time.

This is apparently what happened to the elite paratroop unit operating last Thursday night some two kilometers north of the security zone. Dozens of such missions are conducted by squads of highly-trained and experienced fighters on a regular basis as part of the IDF's overall policy of keeping the fight to the enemy and keeping the war as far as possible from the border.

Such operations, coupled with raids by the IAF, also have a psychological aspect. Part of the aim is to disrupt Hizbullah, keep the enemy guessing, and ensure that its gunmen can never feel safe in their own backyard.

A successful operation of this nature can also help undermine the morale of Hizbullah's relatively

small guerrilla-style militia, as well as eliminate some of its fighters and sending a message to those who support them.

Only last week, IDF troops ambushed a Hizbullah squad, killing at least one gunman and probably wounding several others in a clash in the eastern sector of the security zone. There have been many other successes, and some failures.

The alternative to "initiated operations," a euphemism for ambushes, reconnaissance, and penetrating patrols, would be to give the initiative to Hizbullah. It would alleviate its difficulties in infiltrating the zone - despite sophisticated surveillance measures and the fortified outposts in the zone and along the border.

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'Teshuva': When parental ambivalence turns to heartbreak

By DAN IZENBERG

According to Prof. Dan Mahler, a key reason *teshuvah* organizations are so successful in winning over adolescents is the latent guilt many secular parents feel about not observing Halacha themselves.

This is particularly true of Sephardi families, which tend to define themselves as traditional rather than secular, even when they are not strictly observant, said Mahler, a leader of Ha - the Association to Fight Haredi Domination. So when children take their first, rudimentary steps toward religious observance, he said, their parents identify with them. There are no statistics on how many secular teenagers become *haverim beshuva* - religiously observant. But there are stories: many of them stories of conflict and heartbreak. Rahel Fenso lives in the Shikun

Part two in a five-part series

Dalet public housing project in Jaffa. Two of her sons, 17 and 15, have become *haredim*. She believes the reason *teshuvah* organizations have been so successful in disadvantaged neighborhoods is because parents are obsessed with the fear that their children will become drug addicts.

Whatever form initial parental complicity may take, those who see their children becoming *haredim* often come to regret it - when it's too late.

One such parent is Rina Aviv, whose son Shmuelik, 17, dropped out of high school this year and is now studying at a neighborhood *yeshiva*. Aviv is a petite, spunky,

and passionate woman with strong views which she expresses unambivalently, even when they place her in direct conflict with her son, whom she clearly loves and with whom she is just as clearly angry.

She lives in a public housing complex in what appears to be a lower-middle-class neighborhood on the eastern outskirts of Tel Aviv. The area still contains immigrant housing built in the 1950s.

According to Aviv, Shmuelik began his move towards the *haredi* world after his bar mitzva. She does not seem to know much what led to his transformation.

After his bar mitzva, Shmuelik continued to *don kippah* and recite his morning prayers. "He said it made him feel good and made him successful in his studies," said his mother.

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Betar Jerusalem wins soccer title

Betar Jerusalem became National League soccer champion for the third time yesterday, after drawing 1-1 with Hapoel Jerusalem.

Betar took an unassailable eight-point lead in the standings with just two rounds to play. Their closest pursuers - Hapoel Petah Tikva and Hapoel Beersheba - failed to make up any ground with a loss and a draw respectively.

In the Second Division on Friday, Hapoel Ashkelon clinched the crown together with a promotion to the top flight next season. Ironi Ashdod and Maccabi Netanya will vie for the second promotion spot, when the Second Division ends its campaign next weekend.

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in brief

Yossi Olmert: I was promised UN post

Middle East expert Dr. Yossi Olmert said on Friday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had promised him that he would be ambassador to the UN, then reneged. He said the promise was made at a private meeting with Netanyahu last August, and repeated several times since.

Olmert, who narrowly missed getting into the Knesset on the Likud list, severely criticized Netanyahu, saying he has a definite credibility problem. *Itim*

'Mega' identified as CIA desk officer

Israeli officials have reportedly identified a CIA desk officer as the US official they code-named "Mega" - suspected by the FBI as being a possible source of highly sensitive American government information to Israel.

In a diplomatic cable to the US government, Israeli officials said "Mega" is the nickname that the Mossad uses for the Israeli desk officer at the CIA. *The Washington Post* reported in its editions yesterday.

The newspaper quoted unidentified officials from both countries as saying Israel claims in the cable that the allusion to "Mega" in a conversation between Israeli intelligence officials in Washington and Tel Aviv was an innocent reference to above-board channels of cooperation. *AP*

Firebomb thrown at soldiers in Hebron

A firebomb was thrown Friday morning at IDF troops in Hebron, while at about the same time Palestinians threw stones in the vicinity of Shallah Street near Beit Hadassah. No injuries or damage were reported in either incident.

However settlers in Hebron claim that IDF soldiers did not intervene when the Palestinians had started throwing stones.

At a checkpoint near Bethlehem a Palestinian attacked a border policeman who stopped him for a routine inspection and fled towards Bethlehem. Border policemen caught the Palestinian and arrested him, the IDF Spokesman said. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Two killed in road accidents

Zvika Shapir, 42, was killed in Tel Aviv yesterday, apparently by a car that hit his motorcycle. Police said, however, they are investigating the possibility that he fell off the bike.

A Romanian laborer was killed when a car ran him over as he was crossing the road under Yavne bridge yesterday. *Itim*

Jordan to allow Israeli planes in Akaba airport

Jordan said yesterday it will allow Israeli airplanes to land at Akaba airport to decide whether it is technically feasible to have a joint airport there. Jawad Anani, a deputy prime minister for development and prime ministry affairs, said experts from both sides will soon meet to discuss the arrangement. "Within three months, we will allow Israeli planes to land in Akaba airport to test the arrangement," Anani told reporters after briefing the cabinet on the plan. *AP*

Wiesenthal Center to launch property hunt

The US-based Simon Wiesenthal Center said Friday it was calling a conference of experts in Geneva to address the international hunt for gold and property stolen by Nazi Germany.

"This will take place in Geneva on June 24-25 and will draw together political, academic, legal and clerical personalities from Europe, Israel, the US and Latin America," the center's European office said in a statement.

Switzerland has been the focal point of the search for property stolen from Holocaust victims. But the drive is expanding to other neutral countries. *Reuters*

Israel, Turkey to make 'Popeye' missiles

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Israel and Turkey have agreed to jointly produce the sophisticated Popeye II air-to-ground missile in a deal initially worth about \$100 million dollars, an official from Rafael, Israel's arms development company said.

Turkey has already bought 50 Popeye I missiles for its fleet of F-4s currently being upgraded at Israel Aircraft Industries. But the new deal would involve a consortium to be established between two Turkish firms and Rafael to jointly produce the Popeye II, a smaller missile, but with more advanced technology.

News of the deal comes just two weeks after the visit here by Turkey's Defense Minister Turhan Tayan followed by a visit of Turkey's deputy chief of staff Gen. Chevik Bir and 23 top military officials.

"In every one of their visits to the military industries we presented the Popeye missile and they were impressed," said Noah Shahaar, spokesman for Rafael. "The first stage of the project was to sell the Turks the Popeye I for their F-4s being upgraded. And there is an understanding with two Turkish firms to continue the production of the Popeye II jointly." The Popeye II is designed for deployment on fighter aircraft and has a range of 150 kilometers. Reports from Turkey said it is expected to be delivered by the year 2000.

The home-grown, highly-accurate Popeye missiles were developed based on the combat experience of the IAF and have been operational since the late 1980s. Israel has marketed the missile abroad and Rafael and Lockheed Martin have already cooperated to produce the 3,000-pound AGM-142, virtually identical to the Popeye I, for the US Air Force. They are also involved in a joint venture to produce the Popeye II, also known as the Have Lite.

Officials involved with the joint venture with Turkey said it was worth about \$100m. Rafael has sold the Popeye to Australia and is currently negotiating a deal to supply them to South Korea as well. Reports from Britain said that the UK Ministry of Defense is also interested in the Popeye missile, as well as the Arrow anti-ballistic interceptor.



Levy in D.C.

Foreign Minister David Levy listens as US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright speaks to reporters at a news conference at the State Department on Friday. *(Reuters)*

Eran Shamir - a tribute

By AVIVA BAR-AM

When I heard that a soldier named Eran Shamir was one of the three paratroopers killed in Lebanon on Thursday night, I felt a shiver of trepidation. I had once spent three days on tour with a young man by that name, preparing an article for a column in *The Jerusalem Post*.

That Eran Shamir had been an 18-

year-old guide doing a year of pre-army service at a Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel field school in the Golan Heights.

That Eran Shamir was an earnest youth who had ignited my children's interest in military valor. A young man with an affinity for every rock, flower, tree and animal in the Holy Land, Eran had known the Bible by heart, and had had an adult's patience, thoughtfulness

and knowledge. Could it have been that Eran Shamir who fell Thursday night in Lebanon?

The Eran Shamir who guided us through the Golan Heights believed deeply in the Land of Israel. He knew the details of every battle in the Golan. He made us burst with pride with hair-raising tales of selfless heroism, and caused the grown-ups to cry unashamedly when he told us true

stories about how some of the men had lost their lives.

Not surprisingly, that Eran Shamir had become a paratrooper, had served in a commando unit, had become an officer.

Yes, I finally learned: It was indeed that Eran Shamir, the gentle young man with the spark of a patriot in his eye, who had fallen in battle like the heroes he admired so much.

In my article, which appeared on October 22, 1993, I wrote about Eran: "Charismatic Eran Shamir, the guide in charge of our three-day family vacation, quickly established a rapport with adults and youngsters alike. A fantastic storyteller, his accounts of heroism during the Six Day and Yom Kippur wars kept my 16-year-old riveted to the spot, smaller children found all of their questions answered with an appropriate seriousness and attention."

Eran Shamir was so young, so fervent, so Israeli, yet so unique. May he rest in peace.



Family reunion via 'Post' and KLM

Rachel Lulav (center) visits with KLM executive Ted Silverman (left) and 'Post' managing editor Carl Schrag before the airline flies her to Minneapolis tomorrow to be reunited with her sisters. Lulav was four years old and ill with scarlet fever in June 1941 when her father took her to their local hospital in Minsk. Two days later, Germany invaded the Soviet Union, the hospital was evacuated and Lulav never saw her family again. Then, in 1991, Lulav immigrated to Jerusalem, and ended up living near a cousin, who told her that her parents and sisters had moved to Minneapolis. In a 'Jerusalem Post Magazine' article that ran in August 1996, Lulav said it was her dream to visit her sisters and recite kaddish at her parents' graves. Silverman read the article and arranged for her ticket to Minneapolis. "It was a perfect match between Tel Aviv, served by KLM, and Minneapolis, the headquarters of Northwest Airlines. Reuniting this family represents what we do as an airline - we bring people together." *(Text: Sue Fishkoff; Photo: Isaac Harari)*

Yekutieli wounded in head during Bar-Ilan protest

Jerusalem city councilman Omer Yekutieli (Meretz) was hit in the head with a rock while talking to a policeman during a Meretz protest on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday evening. He was brought to hospital for treatment.

A Meretz convoy was to hold a protest drive up the thoroughfare, which haredim are demanding be closed on Shabbat. However, police stopped the group at the entrance to the street to prevent a clash.

The Meretz supporters then got out of their cars and demonstrated at the site. They were met by hundreds of angry haredim who threw rocks and eggs. *(Itim)*

ARRIVALS

Arrivals for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University. From Argentina: Ruben Berta, Silvia & Hugo Bilefeld, Elba & Albert Cuenca for the Dedication of the Albert and Elba Cuenca Boulevard. From Brazil: Sergio Liberson, Silvia & Sergio Liberson, Ana Maria & Mario Fingler, Miriam and Adolfo Smoliar. From the Consulate of Argentina: Degree Ceremony and for the Inauguration of the Gitter-Smoliar Library of Life Sciences and Medicine. Adas Smoliar for the inauguration of the Gitter-Smoliar Library of Life Sciences and Medicine. Silvia & Marcos Zaidman. From Brazil: Renata & Mario Adler, Clara & Jacob Steinberg. From France: Dr. Jean Chelouart, Jacques Gouz, Christina & Samuel Selem. From Germany: Dr. Marek Fischel, Sophie Lohr. From Mexico: Karen & Arturo Constantine for the inauguration of Joan and Jaime Constantine Institute for Molecular Genetics, Raquel Klachly for the inauguration of the Raquel and Manuel Klachly Chair in Subsurface Hydrology, Leopoldo Norton. From Switzerland: Caroline & Avraham Chesner, Irma & Dr. H. Peter Tarnesby. From United Kingdom: Shoshana Schreiber. From United States: Ruth & Leo David, Barbara & Fred Kort, Nancy & Norman Loeff, Poulam & Parviz Nazarian, Varda & Shalom Yoran. From Venezuela: Rebecca Perl, Maritza Piontopoulos. From Argentina: From Argentina: Silvia & Ernesto Gasperin for the inauguration of the Myrman Lebach Chair in Molecular Neurodegeneration, Cuqui & Sergio Grosskopf. From Austria: Prof. Dr. Michael J. Higazi. From Israel: Prof. Dr. Schell-Friedrich & Prof. Dr. Josef S. Schell for the receipt of the Honorary Doctorate of the Tel Aviv University. From Italy: Gaetana & Dan David. From United States: Carmel & Amos Adiri, Dan Becker & Dr. Zippora Williams, Joni & David M. Brown, Anne & William Cohen, Prof. Mark Ratner, Jerome J. Shestak.

We deeply mourn the passing of
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Husband to: Channah Brem
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The shiva will be held 18/5 - 23/5 at 1 Rehov Hay Halman in Jerusalem

CYRIL SWIEL
passed away peacefully on Friday, May 16, 1997.

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His heartbroken wife: Sheila
Devoted children: Denise and Peter Sanders, Carly, Ella and Aynav
Nina and Izhak Damarl, Yael and Tal Jonathan and Simone Swiel, Yaniv and Thandi

Sister and brother-in-law: Rita and Alec Chadowitz and family.
Prayers 7:15 a.m. today at 18/5 Tel-Hai St. Ra'anana.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club
deeply mourns the passing of Past President
CYRIL SWIEL 71
and sends condolences to Sheila and the family

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The unveiling ceremony, on the shloshim of the sixth President of the State of Israel
CHAIM HERZOG 51
will take place on Sunday, May 18, 1997 (11 Iyar 5757) at 3 p.m., at the gravesite of the nation's great, Mount Herzl, Jerusalem.

The public is requested to arrive by 2:40 p.m.

Herzog's unveiling today

At the conclusion of the shloshim, the 30-day period following the death of Israel's sixth president, Chaim Herzog, today at 3 p.m. a ceremony will take place unveiling the tombstone on his gravesite in Mt. Herzl's Leaders of the Nation section. An evening dedicated to Herzog's memory will be held at 4:45 at the Jerusalem Theater. Below is the speech delivered by Isaac Herzog at his father's funeral last month.

Abba,

Our beloved mother - your partner, your support and friend over 50 years - always said that she was married to at least four husbands - the soldier, the diplomat, the lawyer and jurist, the commentator and the author - in addition to the loving husband and father.

And last night, in the wee hours, when the emptiness and sense of loss hit me with such force, I glanced again at your biography - *Living History* - of which you were so proud, and I thought of how God had placed you at every possible historic crossroads in the life of this people - from your youth to the presidency of the State of Israel. I recalled how I once told you that I envied you for at least one thing - for the fact that you were a member of the generation of

1948, the generation of the Holocaust and rebirth. This wonderful generation, this proud generation, this stubborn, modest, and special generation which we as a nation never cease to thank - for what it sacrificed, for what it built, and gave to us in this land. And I recalled that on every Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, year in and year out, during services, before the *Musaf* prayer, you would turn to me as the cantor prayed for himself and the people of Israel, and you would point to the passage, "Grant power of expression to the men commissioned to stand for their people," and say to me, "I thought of this passage as I rose at the UN to defend the honor of the Jewish people and the state."

Yes - so you saw yourself throughout your life - as the emissary of your people in every sense of the word, as the scion of a grand dynasty of public emissaries from generation to generation to generation.

And as such - and as a father and terrific friend who shared all aspects of his life, and whom we loved unconditionally - as such, you bequeathed to us - Joel, Michael, Ronit, and me - the legacy of your father and mother, the legacy of the "golden path" - tolerance and generosity to great and small, the individual and the citizen, the members of minorities whom you so respected, the

communities and the nations. All this - faced with a proud, but never strident Judaism, and with curiosity and infinite openness to the wonders of the world. All your deeds and decisions speak concern and kindness with all your heart, devoid of cynicism, and imbued with a passionate faith. You were so - in your public life, and as a father and grandfather.

This is how you and Mom brought us up - and all with boundless love. And here we are, today, your private and beloved family, and with all of the people of Israel and the Diaspora, we thank you and bid you farewell with endless pain. We promise you that we will continue to bear the many torches that you passed to us, steadfastly and proudly.

Here, in the hallowed earth of temporal Jerusalem - which you fought to unite - we pray in the knowledge that there - in celestial Jerusalem - you will continue to be the emissary of your people and that you will speak on behalf of the entire people of Israel and your immediate family - mother, your children and their spouses, and your grandchildren - as you did throughout your life. Farewell, Father, and may you rest in peace. And as you always took your leave of us, with a proud, loving, benevolent countenance, we say to you, "Thank you, thank you for everything."

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Barbara Devor, mezzo-soprano
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Alberto Cupido, tenor
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Yevgeny Shapovalov, tenor
The Cluj Philharmonic Choir directed by Cornel Groza

Programme:
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Joseph Gregor, bass
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Programme:
Mozart: Symphony no. 39, K. 543
Schubert: Mass in E-flat Major

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Zaire rebels take control of capital

News agencies

KINSHASA (Reuters) - Laurent Kabila's rebels entered Zaire's capital Kinshasa yesterday to an enthusiastic welcome from residents who took to the streets waving palm fronds and offering the new arrivals food and drink.

Residents of the suburbs hailed the end of over three decades of rule by president Mobutu Sese Seko, and soldiers from Mobutu's ragged army hastily shed their uniforms and donned white bandanas to show they had switched sides.

But elsewhere in the city of five million people there was sporadic shooting and reports of score-settling - with Zaire's defense minister and army chief of staff, Gen. Mahele Lieko Bokungo, the most prominent victim.

Zaire's ailing president stepped aside on Friday, slipping out of his capital and signalling the end of his highly personalized rule.

A cabinet statement said the veteran leader, fighting cancer and seven months of civil war, had left for his northern jungle palace leaving the government in charge of national policy.

Mobutu did not, however, formally resign as head of state.

Kabila's rebels rejected the announcement out of hand and told Mobutu's army to refrain from fighting and looting.

Information Minister Kin-Kiey Mulumba read the government statement after Mobutu left for his home region of Gbadolite, triggering intense speculation that he was going into exile.

Witnesses said the commander of Mobutu's presidential guard, Gen. Nzimbi Nzale and his family, took a speedboat to the safety of Brazzaville, capital of neighboring Congo across the Zaire River.

"Field Marshal Mobutu on Friday left the capital, leaving the government in charge of the conduct of national policy," the government statement said.

Kinshasa awoke yesterday from a fourth night of army curfew

anxiously awaiting the rebels. Many residents feared above all a rampage of looting by Mobutu's notoriously ill-disciplined troops.

Small groups of rebels, most aged under 25, walked into Kinshasa's suburbs. Clad in army fatigues, they looked tired after a long march.

"We have been waiting for this for a long time," a bystander in the eastern residential district of Lemba commented.

"This is a new page in the history of Zaire," said another.



Mobutu Sese Seko (Reuters)

Senior officers and soldiers handed over weapons to the arriving rebels at Lemba's Salongo Nord Camp.

Many residents wore white headbands as a sign of support for the rebels, who took up arms in October and marched across Africa's third-largest nation, gathering support on the way.

Many Zaireans, impoverished by three decades of corruption and administrative neglect under Mobutu, are hungry for change, but opinion polls conducted in the city before the departure of Mobutu suggested that few would actually vote for Kabila if it came to elections.

Mobutu's veteran political foe, Etienne Tshisekedi, who has been calling for a negotiated settlement with the rebels since early in the

war, garnered most support in the capital.

Witnesses said cheering crowds turned out in Tshisekedi's stronghold in Limete, which like Lemba is about 12 km from the city center.

"The rebels have been greeted by cheering crowds in Lemba and Limete. From what we have heard they are heading into town and they should soon be here," Kinshasa's civilian vice-governor, Bernard Nkoye, said.

Elsewhere, witnesses said there was heavy gunfire at the central market in the morning, which appeared to be by soldiers of the civil guard, and by others who were armed but not in uniform.

Witnesses saw soldiers taking off their uniforms, but they appeared to be keeping their guns.

A group of 100 to 200 people gathered outside a downtown hotel, wearing white headbands. They chanted slogans in favour of the rebel leader, calling him a "liberator." Members of Zaire's paramilitary civil guard were among the group.

A source at the presidency in Kinshasa and other sources in the city said that members of Mobutu's armed forces were fleeing west on the road out of the city to lower Zaire.

Diplomats said Gen. Mahele had been preparing to meet Kabila to discuss handing over power. One diplomat said members of Mobutu's presidential guard killed him Friday.

Information Minister Kin-Kiey said that under Zaire's three-year-old transitional constitution Mobutu reigned rather than governed. "We know that, in practice, the president has ceased all intervention in the conduct of the affairs of state," he said.

In reality, the constitution has never been fully implemented.

South Africa, whose president Nelson Mandela has been trying to broker a peaceful and constitutional handover of power in Zaire, expressed surprise at the statement.



The son of Zairean president Mobutu Sese Seko, Kongolo Mobutu (left), arrives in Brazzaville, Congo, yesterday, after fleeing across the Zaire River with his bodyguards. (Reuters)

It "does not fit any of the proposals on the table," one source close to Mandela's negotiating team said. South African mediators were still waiting for Mobutu's response to proposals for his outright resignation.

Kin-Kiey said Kisangani Archbishop Laurent Monsengwo would negotiate with Kabila's rebels on a new transitional government and elections.

"If the parties to the conflict, in particular the rebel alliance, act in

good faith, the president's important decision to stand aside, coupled with the constraints which the constitution imposes... will allow us to find a satisfactory compromise between the positions of the belligerents," he said.

The rebels dismiss Monsengwo as "a Mobutist."

State television reported Mobutu had gone to his home region of Gbadolite on doctors' orders for "a few days of rest." Political and diplomatic sources

said earlier that army chiefs had told him they could not defend the capital against the rebels and that he should leave for his own safety.

Mobutu, 66, who is reputed to have amassed a huge personal fortune over the years, seized power in 1965. Western powers supported him as a Cold War bastion against Soviet communism.

Kabila, 56, and his rebels took up arms in October in a dispute over Zairean nationality for ethnic Tutsis.

Western diplomats outside Zaire have said that Mobutu may head for exile in Morocco or in France. France declined all comment on exile, but stressed the need for stability in Zaire.

The United States said Mobutu's departure cleared the way for peace. Rwanda, accused by Zaire with Uganda and Burundi of invading in support of Kabila's rebellion, said Mobutu's departure was a matter for Zaireans alone.

National Party's 'Golden Boy' resigns in S. Africa

By ELLIS MNYANDU

PRETORIA (Reuters) - An architect of South Africa's post-apartheid order, Roelf Meyer, yesterday announced his resignation from the former ruling National Party and from parliament after a dispute over the party's political future.

"This will set me on a new course, forging ahead on an exciting journey," Meyer said. "A journey full of hope."

Meyer, once the golden boy of the "Nats" when he played a crucial role in negotiating the peaceful handover of power from white rule, has effectively been sidelined by party right-wingers who see him as too liberal.

His status was reduced to that of an ordinary MP this month after party leader and former president F.W. de Klerk took over a team that Meyer had led in search of a broad, moderate alliance to challenge President Nelson Mandela's ruling African National Congress.

Meyer and de Klerk held separate news conferences that his departure from the team was due to a basic disagreement, because Meyer thought the National Party should

disband first if it wanted to convince South Africans it was really changing.

The party was formed as an unashamedly white nationalist group and started implementing apartheid after winning power in 1948. Despite many efforts since the early 1990s, it has had difficulty altering its old image, especially among the blacks it is also trying to woo.

"My argument was that you cannot expect the people to believe you if you don't change," Meyer said.

Meyer said he would not join another political party. "I'm intending to keep myself involved in the process by establishing a new political movement. I don't intend to join any political party, but I will consult with political parties so we can move forward," he said.

Meyer and the ANC's Cyril Ramaphosa effectively led the negotiations leading to the first all-race election in April 1994.

The National Party came a distant second to Mandela's ANC in the polls, having failed to broaden its support beyond the white and mixed-race communities and is now the largest opposition party.

The alliance has been plagued by disputes between Moslems and Christians. There are also doubts about the political wing of the Bosnian Great Council, which would prefer to merge with Croats.

Both groups and the coalition agreed yesterday, would be directed toward a more implementation of the federation and full implementation of the Dayton peace agreement signed in December 1995.

It will be up to the establishment of a joint Moslem-Croat and Serb-Croat coalition, which will be headed by Moslems and the return of refugees, especially to Croat-held Srebrenica, where Moslems have been repeatedly prevented from returning to their homes by ethnic Croats.

At the same time, the joint Bosnian-Croatian, which the federation or not," Izetbegovic said.

"The battle for the province of Srebrenica and 'democratic' is not over yet," said Rasim Kadic, head of the Liberal Party, a coalition member, referring to the question of whether Bosnia will remain ethnically divided or united.

Bosnian Serbs, who control part of the country, still seek secession and are looking for ways to loosen

Another Turkish minister quits

IZMIR, Turkey (Reuters) - Turkey's minister for family and women's affairs quit the Islamist-led coalition yesterday, blasting the government's failure to reform laws on marriage and the status of women.

State Minister Islay Saygin of the secularist True Path Party (DYP) told a news conference in this western port city that Islamist-held ministries, in particular the Justice Ministry, had made her position untenable.

Her resignation was the third high-level conservative defection in as many weeks from the coalition of Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, modern Turkey's first Islamist leader.

"The changes in the civil law have been held up by the Justice Ministry for eight months," Saygin said. "If I cannot do anything, why should I sit there? I resign."

Last month two other ministers from the junior partner True Path quit in protest at Erbakan's refusal to head military-backed

demands for a crackdown on Islamist activism.

The two have since consulted members of the pro-Western True Path, as well as opposition figures, to craft an "Islamist-free government." It was not immediately clear whether Saygin would join that effort.

"This government, which we started with good will, has unfortunately brought us to a stage where secularist, democratic and modern Turkey is an open question," Saygin said.

The minister, a True Path member of parliament from Izmir, had been a steady critic

of the 11-month-old Erbakan government. Her resignation had been widely expected.

Opposition parties Friday submitted a censure motion against the government.

The coalition is clinging to a slim majority and its prospects remain uncertain.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A suspect held in Canada in connection with last summer's bomb attack against American servicemen in Saudi Arabia has expressed interest in cooperating with US authorities, *The Washington Post* reported yesterday.

Quoting unidentified federal law enforcement officials, the newspaper said Hani Abdel Rahim Sayegh and federal authorities began secret communications this week in an Ottawa prison where the Saudi man is being held pending a decision on the country to which he will be deported.

Sayegh's cooperation would mark the first investigative breakthrough for FBI officials in the June 1996 attack on the Khobar Towers compound that housed US military personnel in Dhahran, eastern Saudi Arabia. The bombing killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds more.

Sayegh's Canadian lawyer, Doug Baum, told the *Post* that he could not confirm or deny his report that his client was in contact with US federal officials.

But he insisted there was "no settlement, arrangement or agreement" yet over Sayegh's deportation to the United States.

Sayegh has been identified in Canadian court documents as the driver of a car that gave the go-ahead signal for the bomb-laden truck involved in the attack on Khobar Towers. The documents identified him as a member of the Saudi branch of Hizbullah.

Boost for Dhahran bomb probe

Annan hits out at Turkish troops in Iraq

MOSCOW (Reuters) - United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan yesterday condemned Turkey's armed incursion into Iraq and urged Ankara to pull out its troops.

"As secretary general of the United Nations, I cannot condone any transgression of the territorial integrity of any country and I would encourage the Turkish army to withdraw as soon as possible," he told a news conference in Moscow.

Turkish forces extended their search for Kurdish separatist rebels in northern Iraq in a four-day-old incursion which military sources say has claimed

the lives of 450 guerrillas.

The European Union called on Turkey to pull its military forces out of Iraq as soon as possible and warned against any loss of civilian life. Its call followed tough talk from Britain and France, and lukewarm backing from Turkey's close ally Washington.

The Turkish operation is the biggest since March 1995. Army commanders vowed then to finish off the PKK, but did no more than dent the insurgency, which has claimed more than 22,000 lives.

Sinn Fein moves toward Northern Ireland talks

BELFAST (AP) - Irish Republican Army supporters discussed peace prospects with Irish government advisers yesterday, and agreed to meet top British officials soon in Northern Ireland, raising prospects for a renewed IRA cease-fire.

Gerry Adams and Pat Doherty, leaders of the IRA-affiliated Sinn Fein party, met secretly yesterday in Dublin with advisers to Irish Prime Minister John Bruton. No details immediately emerged, but Bruton said he authorized the first contact in nearly a year with a view to seeing if there is an imminent cease-fire. The move followed an offer Friday by the new British prime minister, Tony Blair, for Sinn Fein to meet his senior Northern Ireland advisers in Belfast - a break from longstanding British policy not to meet Sinn Fein unless the outlawed IRA first stopped its violent campaign against British rule in the province.

Blair's overture to break the deadlock between the British and Sinn Fein offers the

best chance for improving relations since the IRA abandoned its last truce 15 months ago.

Adams, whose party has been barred from multi-party negotiations on Northern Ireland's future because of the violence, said he and the new Cabinet minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, had already exchanged letters.

The British-Sinn Fein meeting should proceed "without delay," Adams said.

Bruton's government, facing a tough re-election battle in the Irish Republic on June 6, cut off face-to-face meetings after the IRA killed an Irish police officer last June.

Blair, visiting Northern Ireland on Friday, said Sinn Fein should meet the government's senior Northern Ireland civil servants.

The previous Conservative government of John Major began meeting Sinn Fein at the same level 100 days after the IRA cease-fire of Sept. 1, 1994 - but broke off all face-to-face

contact after the IRA formally ended the truce with a one-ton truck bomb that killed two men in London's Docklands in February last year.

Still, Blair's message was hardly music to Sinn Fein's ears.

Blair spent much of his key Belfast speech criticizing the current strategy of the IRA-Sinn Fein movement - deeming it "manifestly absurd" - and reassuring the province's pro-British Protestant community that Northern Ireland was certain to remain linked with Britain.

Sinn Fein took an unprecedented 16 percent share of the Northern Ireland vote in the May 1 election. Adams and Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, Martin McGuinness, won seats in British Parliament, but they refuse to take the oath of office because it recognizes Queen Elizabeth II as ruler of Northern Ireland.

"The onus is on the British government to recognize Sinn Fein's electoral mandate," Adams said.

Bosnia Moslems agree united election front

SARAJEVO (AP) - Bosnia's ruling Moslem Party for Democratic Action will run in municipal elections in September as a partner with parties that were its political opponents last year.

The alliance consists of four Moslem parties brought back together by Bosnia's President Alija Izetbegovic and his biggest competitor in last year's nationwide elections, Haris Silajdzic. An agreement was signed in Sarajevo yesterday.

The coalition is "an answer to increasing efforts to divide Bosnia and to settle totalitarian and fascist regimes on its territory," Izetbegovic said.

"The battle for the province of Srebrenica and 'democratic' is not over yet," said Rasim Kadic, head of the Liberal Party, a coalition member, referring to the question of whether Bosnia will remain ethnically divided or united.

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French left gains on gov't - polls

By FRANCOIS RAITBERGER

PARIS (Reuters) - The campaign for France's snap parliamentary election entered its last week yesterday with the left gnawing at the lead of the ruling center-right.

With seven days to go before campaigning ends Friday night, the latest opinion polls saw Prime Minister Alain Juppe's conservatives likely to win a majority in the May 25-June 1 election, but with a reduced majority.

A CSA survey said the RPR-UDF coalition would win 299 seats to the combined left's 256 - a majority of 43 seats, well down on CSA's forecast of a 80-seat margin a week ago.

Another poll by the Louis Harris institute saw the conservatives and the combined left, with its ecologist allies, tied on 39 percent each.

The Louis Harris poll saw the far-right National Front polling 15%, unchanged from the last poll. But CSA predicted the party would not win enough in the second round of voting to gain any seats in the National Assembly.

Another burst of opinion polls was expected later in the day before a ban on publishing surveys of voters' intentions in the week before voting takes effect at midnight.

The ban means no more election polls will be published in France since the second round of voting, on June 1, takes place a week after the first.

"There will be no more polls from Sunday, and voters will thus have to make their decision in democratic meditation," said Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin.

As surveys indicated that 23% to 38% of voters were still undecided, unconfirmed reports said Gaullist President Jacques Chirac could intervene on behalf of the conservatives after returning from a state visit to China today.

Jospin said a second intervention into the campaign by Chirac, who earlier this month published a newspaper column to back the conservatives, would "distort democracy" and he would demand the right to respond. Alarmed by reports that many

conservative voters could stay away from the first round or cast blank ballots to mark their discontent over economic policies and political corruption, Juppe has warned that protest votes or abstention would favour the left and could return the Socialists after they were routed in 1993.

Foreign policy briefly burst into a campaign dominated by domestic issues yesterday as Jospin branded the downfall of Mobutu Sese Seko in Zaire as a setback for the government.

"What is happening in Zaire certainly seals in a way the failure of France's African policy," he said.

France clung to Mobutu long after other western powers had dropped him and was pushed to the diplomatic sidelines as Laurent Kabila's rebels inexorably advanced towards power.

There was no indication whether Mobutu could choose exile in France, where he owns a luxury Riviera mansion. Analysts said Paris was unlikely to offer him shelter until after the election for fear that his presence could become a campaign issue.



French Prime Minister Alain Juppe tries on a baker's hat as he visits a bread exhibition Friday in Bordeaux. (Reuters)

TESHUVA

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A year later, Shmulik started to go to a neighborhood synagogue, first on Saturday morning and then on Friday nights. He also began to wear a kippa, first on the weekends, then later all week. At first, the kippa was knitted; later it became black.

At that point, Aviv started quarreling with her son. "It wasn't that I was bothered about what he was doing up until now," she said. "But I was afraid that he was getting swept away. And I was right."

What troubled Aviv most of all was the feeling that she was losing her son. "When he started observing Shabbat, he cut himself off from his family," she said. "Until his bar mitzva he was a *neshama* [a pure soul]. We were very close. Whenever he had problems or stories about school, he would look for me. That's why the rupture hurts so much."

Aviv recounted bitterly that at some point his rabbi told him not to eat the family food and gave him money to buy his own *glatt* kosher meat.

"The rabbi gave Shmulik money and told him that his mother was bad because she did not keep a kosher home. I asked Shmulik: 'What about the commandment to honor your father and mother?' He replied: 'First God, then your parents.'"

But the most serious battle arose when Shmulik decided he wanted to drop out of high school. Aviv tried to force him to continue. But two weeks after school began, he told her he had arranged a meeting for them with his school adviser.

"There," she recalled, "he told me without shame: 'I can't continue in this school. The rabbis told me I mustn't look at girls. I want to go to a yeshiva where I can study only Torah and only with boys.'"

Shmulik refused her suggestion that he transfer to a state-religious high school in the area, because that school was also co-educational.

"Shmulik, who finished 10th grade with outstanding marks, emerged from the meeting delighted. For me, it was the hardest day of my life. I knew it was the end. My son was no longer my son. They had succeeded in taking my boy away. They beat me."

Shmulik still lives at home, but basically only sleeps there. He leaves the house at 6 a.m. and returns at midnight, or sometimes as late as 2 or 3 in the morning on the nights that he goes off to a yeshiva in Pardes Katz, after his studies at the local yeshiva.

His room is bare except for posters of Rabbi Yitzhak Kadourie and Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, and a few homiletic stickers, including one facing the hallway, aimed at his mother. "Daughter of Israel," it says, "you must dress modestly."

On the one hand, Aviv said she still has one year to try to win Shmulik back while he is still a minor. On the other hand, she also claimed she has given up on him, and her only concern now is to protect her other sons, Liran, 12, and David, 7, from Shmulik's influence.

Recently, Shmulik removed two pictures from the wall in Liran's room, said Aviv. The pictures showed a fully-dressed teenage boy and girl - the girl in tight jeans - embracing each other. Liran was prepared to accept Shmulik's dictate, said Aviv. But she insisted on

putting the pictures back up.

Rahel Fenso, whose sons Shai, 17, and Herzl, 15, have both become *haredim*, spoke more with sadness and compassion than anger about what had happened to her family.

She is particularly concerned about the younger boy. "He is a fanatic," she said. "With him, everything is either black or white. Either you do something all the way, or you don't do it at all."

Fenso is well aware of the process by which Herzl was won over.

"In our neighborhood, the *teshuva* activists distribute tape cassettes, put up posters, and hold lectures in the community center," she said. "They also hold four-day 'marathons' with different rabbis each day. They use intimidation to influence the children by talking about reincarnation, and heaven and hell. The kids feel like they're high on drugs. It's impossible to extricate them."

According to Fenso, parents often don't mind what is happening. "They are very afraid that their children will take drugs," she said. "They say they prefer to let them become religious. But they don't realize what it means. This type of religion takes away their children."

Fenso said that the *teshuva* activists begin with children much younger than Herzl. "They offer Cremona chocolates and candies to entice them to come to the synagogue and recite the blessings," she said. "I'm talking about six- and seven-year-olds."

Fenso said she was appalled by the change in Herzl. "He went to school during the first month this year. But because in the 'marathon' they said that all the secular girls are filthy prostitutes, the child simply could not stay there. Everything has died for him. Whatever the rabbi says is sacred. I can tell him a million things, but he won't listen. He sits all day and pores over his religious books. Instead of going to school, he spends the day in a *kollel* with older men."

She said the *teshuva* activists had turned her son into an automaton. One day, she recalled, Herzl got into a shouting match with his sister. The girl was watching television while he was recited the grace after meals in the adjacent dining room. When she told him his prayer was bothering her, he spitefully began reciting the prayer more loudly.

"I got very mad at him and he started to cry," recalled Fenso. "If you don't forgive me, they'll kill me," he said. He apologized to me all day long. One day he even stood at attention when I entered his room. He holds everything in because he says he mustn't get angry. He's too good. It borders on stupidity. He's like a robot. He is always trying to make sure he's absolutely perfect."

Fenso feels compassion for her son. She says she understands that he is unhappy because he lives in a *haredi* world and a secular home. But she is angry at those who turned him into a *haredi*.

"The rabbi has told Herzl that in another three months he'll take him to the yeshiva at Pardes Katz. Then, we can say good-bye to him. He won't return from there. So, why did I raise children in the first place? I want to sue everyone who made my boy into a *haredi*. I want them to give him back to me and not touch a hair of his head."

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Removing the fear of being caught en route, either beyond or on the edge of the zone, would also make it easier for Hizbullah to carry out attacks - from the planting of roadside bombs and laying ambushes in the zone, to being able to infiltrate enough fighters into a certain area to be able to launch frontal assaults on IDF and SLA positions.

In such circumstances, both the IDF and SLA would find themselves adopting a primarily defensive posture and relying more on protective measures and fast response to minimize casualties and inflict damage on the enemy.

Psychologically, a defensive posture would have a demoralizing effect on the IDF and especially the SLA, and weaken Israel's image in the eyes of the predominantly Shi'ite population of south Lebanon, giving residents even more reason to collaborate with Hizbullah.

Offense is often the best form of defense, and in terms of the war against Hizbullah it has a very definite deterrent value. Initiated operations, however, especially those beyond the zone, are, by their very nature, fraught with danger.

The paratroops involved in Thursday night's clash were in the right place, as evidenced by the fact that a Hizbullah squad was in the area. They just had the misfortune to be moving and therefore audible to the enemy unit, whose members apparently took cover and fired first.

Despite being taken by surprise and suffering casualties, the paratroopers were able to regroup and charge the gunmen, killing at least two of them.

The other dangers of operating behind enemy lines soon became apparent, such as the fact that other gunmen in the region had been alerted and began shooting at the troops, as well as the problem of evacuating casualties from difficult terrain, in darkness and under fire.

The paratroop unit suffered further losses before this part of the operation could be completed. That they were evacuated in an orderly manner is a tribute to the professionalism of the troops and the helicopter pilots - one crew in particular which flew to the scene and back three times - and to the contingency plans which included massive artillery cover and air support.

The problems were further exacerbated by the fact that Hizbullah gunmen fired from within villages, making it almost impossible for the IDF to hit back for fear of harming innocent civilians.

OC Northern Command Maj-Gen. Amiram Levine said there would be a full inquiry into all the aspects of the clash and its aftermath. He said the casualties would "certainly not" affect future initiated operations.

Most defense and academic experts agree that in the long term there is no outright military answer to the Lebanon problem, and that the IDF and SLA can only try to keep the situation relatively stable until a political solution is reached.

New Jersey man who killed children to keep them Jewish gets life

HACKENSACK, New Jersey (AP) - A Jewish man who killed his children rather than have them raised as Christians made a final attempt to blame the deaths on everyone but himself, but a judge blaming his "pathetic vengeance" sentenced him to life in prison.

Avi Kosner, 34, was sentenced Friday to two consecutive life terms and will not be eligible for parole until 2059. He pleaded guilty in March and was spared the death penalty by jurors.

A former Hebrew teacher, he had claimed he killed 12-year-old Geri Beth and 10-year-old Ryan in June 1994, just days before they were to move to Florida, because his ex-wife and her family were trying to raise them as Christians rather than Jews.

But in a speech that met with applause from the packed courtroom, Superior Court Judge Jonathan Harris said Kosner committed "cold-blooded infanticide" that was an affront to the Jewish faith.

The children died after a night at the

movies and bowling, when Kosner drugged them, suffocating Geri Beth and using a combination of car fumes, tranquilizers and suffocation to kill Ryan.

In a 20-minute, tearful, angry speech, he blamed his ex-wife, Lynn Mison, ex-father-in-law, John Sturman Sr. and the court system for pushing him to sacrifice his children.

Kosner had claimed Sturman was an anti-semitic who was not happy that his daughter married a Jew and tried to turn his grandchildren against their father.

Shi'ites mark festival in blood

TEHRAN (AP) - Millions of Shi'ite Moslems marked the martyrdom of their most revered saint yesterday by smearing themselves with blood - their own or that of animals - and beating their heads and chests in frenzied mourning.

In Tehran, buckets of sheep's blood were poured into the streets for the day called Ashura, and performers re-enacted the battle in which Hussein, the grandson of Mohammed, was cut down by rival forces in 680 CE.

Among the world's estimated 100 million Shi'ites - who also live in Lebanon, Iraq and other Mideast nations - self-flagellation expresses their guilt for having failed to help Hussein in his moment of need.

Shi'ites make up about 10 percent of Moslems, but they are the majority in Iran. Shi'ites split from the majority Sunni Moslems soon after Mohammed's death in a dispute over who should be his successor as head of the faith.

The Shi'ites favored the leadership pass to the prophet's son-in-law, Ali, and Ali's son, Hussein, both of whom were slain in the succession struggle.

In Tehran, black banners draped the streets to mark the anniversary of Hussein's death.

Actors dressed in armor ran out of burning tents erected in the streets, mimicking the battle where Hussein and his followers were cut down and their tents burned on the plains of Karbala in modern-day Iraq. Performers portraying Hussein rode on white steeds, followed by black-clad mourners.

Loudspeakers blared laments,



A six-year-old Shi'ite boy beats his head, bloodied with a razor, yesterday in the Lebanese town of Nabatiya for the Ashura religious festival. (Reuters)

as the loud thumps of hands beating chests kept the rhythm of the songs. Women, who do not take part in the self-flagellation, watched and wept.

One mourner, Alireza Muri, dipped his finger in blood from a slaughtered sheep and rubbed it on the blind eyes of his 6-year-old son Sadeq.

"This blood is the holy blood of Hussein, and maybe it can cure my son," said Muri.

Shi'ites in other parts of the world often beat themselves with blades or chains to draw blood. But the practice of inflicting wounds has been banned in Iran.

Big award in lost legs burial

PORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (Reuters) - A Florida jury

awarded \$1.25 million to the family of an amputee who was buried without the legs she had entrusted to a funeral home for safekeeping years before her death.

The six-woman jury agreed that the Menorah Gardens and Funeral Chapels should pay \$1 million in punitive damages and \$250,000 in compensatory damages for losing Molly Cohen's legs.

Cohen's legs were amputated in 1986 because of severe circulatory problems. Cohen wanted to be buried whole. Cohen asked the funeral home to arrange temporary burial of the legs, which were to be reburied with her when she died.

But when Cohen died in 1993, the legs were missing. Her family sued, saying Cohen's husband Joel suffered severe emotional distress because he was unable to fulfill his promise to his wife that she would be buried whole.

"These legs are still gone and will always be gone. Why? Because they are lost," attorney Neal Hirschfeld told jurors in closing arguments Thursday.

Synagogue, mosque bombed in France

LYON, France (AP) - The main mosque in France's second-largest city and a synagogue in a nearby town were firebombed early Friday, police said. There were no injuries.

Police said the same type of home-made explosive device was used in both attacks. Neither the Lyon mosque, among France's biggest, nor the synagogue in Villeurbanne were damaged by the early morning bombings.

Police said there were no witnesses, and images recorded by video surveillance cameras turned up no leads. An investigation was underway.

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TELL ME WHY

Why pasta bugs you and your cupboard

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

I have several times discovered live bugs in sealed packages of spaghetti that have been sitting around in the cupboard for a few months. How do the bugs get in there? Haim, Eilat.

Prof. Michael Friedlander, an expert on insect reproduction at the Ben-Gurion University's life sciences department, comments:

The notion of spontaneous generation (in which living things appear from "nothing") was disproved centuries ago. The bugs in the spaghetti were there before the pasta was packaged. It is possible that the female laid her eggs in the flour; the eggs remained dormant until the right temperature or light conditions caused hormones to be produced and the larvae emerged. Nature is good at timing.

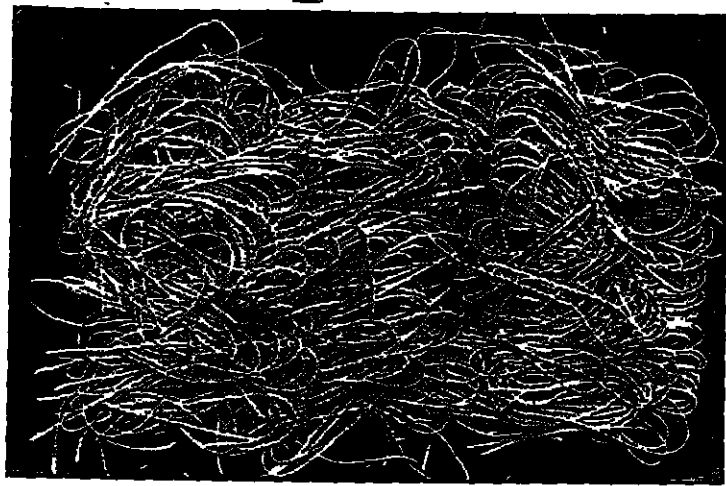
The silkworm eats only mulberry leaves, but the eggs are laid in the winter when there are no such leaves. They remain dormant until the spring, when the amount of daylight and the temperature cause the eggs to hatch and the larvae are ready to eat the leaves.

However, the process of making spaghetti should have killed off any eggs or larvae, so another explanation is that the eggs were laid on the finished spaghetti before it was packaged. If so, the tiny eggs or larvae must have gotten in after the processing and before packaging. Then, in your cupboard, as newly hatched larvae, they survived by stuffing themselves on the spaghetti.

It is also possible that the bugs were already in your cupboard and ate their way into the package.

In any case, although it's possible for a company to prevent bugs from entering the manufacturing area, it is highly expensive.

Why is it harder to peel fresh cooked eggs than older eggs? Tamir, Ma'aleh Adumim.



(Hanoach Githman)

Uri Sadot, managing director of the egg distribution and processing company, Bio Omega at Ramot Hashavim, replies:

An egg is an organic, live product. In a very fresh egg, the proteins and other components in the egg white and the shell membrane have not yet separated. As the egg ages, its pH increases, and it loses carbon dioxide and water through the shell. This causes air to enter the pores of the shell and the thin membrane of the white of the egg, making the cooked egg easier to peel.

On hot, humid days, an egg can lose as much as one or two grams of its weight a day. An egg is considered fresh within 20 days of being laid and if it has been stored at temperatures lower than 20°C. The Europeans agree with this standard, but the Americans have even more rigorous standards, and insist that eggs be stored at up to 7°C for up to 20 days to be regarded as fresh.

I have a pair of gerbils. What is it that makes rodents so eager to gnaw on everything - not to eat but to work out their teeth? Even when they're sleepy, if I put

some cardboard in their cage, they can't help themselves but to bite it into sawdust. Noam, age 13, Jerusalem.

Prof. Zvika Abramsky, an expert at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's life sciences department on desert rodents, answers:

All rodents have four incisors, two on the upper jaw and two on the lower jaw. These teeth grow continuously. If they didn't gnaw on everything around them, the teeth would grow so long that the animals wouldn't be able to eat and would die of hunger. The gnawing erodes the teeth and thus keeps them alive. By the way, you must be careful not to lose gerbils or other rodents in the house, as they will hide and eat books, furniture and everything else within reach.

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By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Scientific phenomena often seem magical to the general public; for those laymen who lack a good grounding in physics, chemistry or biology, experiments appear to be little more than tricks.

Thus it was natural for the Bloomfield Museum of Science in Jerusalem to combine the two for "A Touch of Magic," a special happening during Pessah.

Pupils at the Cagliostro Magicians' High School and adult graduates of the (private) Magic School in Tel Aviv displayed their bag of tricks, occasionally slowing down their sleight of hand to give visitors a peek at how they perform them.

Setting up tables among Bloomfield's regular hands-on scientific exhibits, the magicians looked a bit out of place. Nirit Rotenberg, a professional magician wearing white gloves who is especially adept at card tricks, invited children to stand literally a nose away from her. But unless she went out of her way to reveal her secrets, it was impossible for the children to explain how cards' faces were turned blank and cards disappeared and reappeared.

"Scientific discoveries have a lot of 'magical' things about them, so there is no conflict between the 'science' part of our museum and the 'magic' at this happening," noted museum director Maya Halevy. "Just as scientific phenomena have clear principles behind them, so too magic tricks are based on understandable acts. The Amazing Randi, a well-known magician, has battled for years against people who claim they have super-human powers, including Israeli-born Uri Geller."

Itzik Schwartz, a Jerusalemite who regularly performs magic shows, brought along an airtight case full of paraphernalia, admonishing the hoaxes of children sitting at a table in front of him not to touch it.

Displaying a small blackboard with six sections in two rows, he asked three children to think of their



One of the participants in the Bloomfield Museum of Science's "A Touch of Magic" gives the audience a sample from her bag of tricks.

favorite things. Making believe he had extra-sensory perception, he marked down with chalk his guesses in separate sections of the blackboard and then pushed shut little windows to cover them. Saying "Abracadabra," he managed to produce two out of three of the correct answers, but Itzik didn't explain how he did it.

Then he proceeded to swallow and regurgitate ping-pong balls, make sponge balls disappear, change the colors of a handkerchief and pull a series of flags out of his mouth.

This being Jerusalem on the intermediate days of a festival, when masses of haredi children have a

tail mystify an audience of hassidic boys in sidecurls as if he had cast a spell on them; two such divergent types rarely have a chance to meet, let alone learn from each other.

Working in tandem with a small robot, the magician asked a child to pick a card without showing it to anyone else and then to return it to the deck. Incredibly, the robot rummaged through the deck and selected the child's card without any difficulty. This time, no explanation was offered.

But down in the museum's windowless shelter, a man-and-woman team held a class for young would-be magicians.

How do you get a ping-pong ball to run along a piece of rope? Easy, if you have a thin piece of nylon thread attached to each end as a support to prevent it from falling.

The woman dropped a ping-pong ball into a cardboard tube. It stayed inside, but when she gave the word it fell to the ground. How? A small segment of nearly invisible nylon thread that she had attached with a safety pin to the bottom of her shirt caught the ball when she pulled the tube away from her; the ball fell through when the thread was no longer taut.

She then enthusiastically gobbled down tennis balls and then explained the secret: put it into your mouth and hold your palm - with the thumb folded behind it - in front of your mouth. This lets you remove the ball from your mouth without anyone noticing.

Make swishing motions with your tongue inside your mouth to magnify the illusion and clasp your hands to your throat and stomach to "push the ball down your esophagus" into your stomach. Ping-pong balls and all the other equipment necessary for doing these tricks were distributed among the children, who quickly mastered them.

There must have been a lot of kosher-for-Pessah ping-pong balls "swallowed" in Mea She'arim, Geula, Ramot and other Jerusalem neighborhoods over the holiday.

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DISK-COVERY

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Masa'otav Shel Ozzie (Ozzie's Travels), a CD-ROM in Hebrew by Makhshevet Multimedia in Herzliya, translated from the original disk by Digital Impact, for children aged five to 10, NIS 99. Rating: four-and-a-half stars out of five

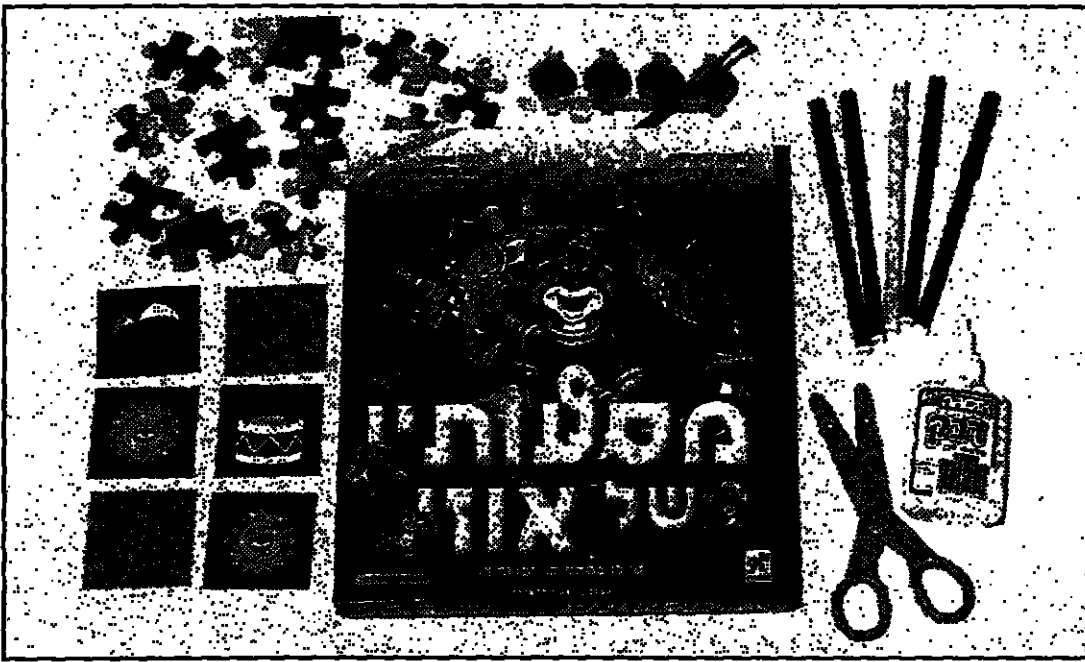
Getting Israeli children to appreciate foreign cultures besides the highly influential fads of America is no easy task. This piece of software does it charmingly and intelligently, expanding users' horizons and charging an unbeatable low price to boot. The disk is the second in a series starting a bear named Ozzie. In his previous successful program called Olamo Shel Ozzie, he exposes the young user to the world of science.

This piece of software focuses on three exotic countries: India, Mexico and Japan. Select one and you're taken on a voyage to the far-away land. The format for each country, with its games and learning projects, is the same, but the content, of course, depends on the country chosen.

When you "tour" Mexico, for example, you are treated to a screen showing a typical street scene. Mexican music sounds lightly in the background throughout. The "projects" section is presented as a slide show that you click one part at a time. You can learn, in considerable detail, how to prepare tortillas, a Mexican costume or mask and an Aztec calendar. In the Japanese section, you are taught how to eat with chopsticks and build a fish-shaped kite, and can get background on the animals associated with each Japanese year. In India, you learn about the country's "sacred cows" (illustrated with real photographs), how to play an Indian version of hide-and-seek and how to build a balancing toy. All of these educational projects are very enjoyable.

The game section offers six types of activities for each of the three countries. There is a stone figure whose body parts keep twisting and, using eye-hand coordination, you have to click on the correct part in time so all the parts match. All of the games can be played in up to five levels of difficulty, so older children won't be bored and younger ones won't be frustrated by

Exotic travels without leaving your desk



too-difficult challenges. The drawing menu allows users to draw a figure by clicking numbers in sequence. There are also five jigsaw puzzles of photographs for each country. You have to drag each

piece to the proper location until it's completed. There is also a matching game that requires users to remember the location of an object in the same category as one on the other (not the typical task of finding the

same object from memory). The program even comes with a printed "passport" for the child to glue his photograph in and to learn how to count to 10 in Hindi, Spanish or Japanese, and including

a number of facts about each country. Well done Makhshevet, and one hopes Ozzie will continue his voyage to other exotic countries, teaching children along the way.

Gordi Be'gan Hapla'im (Gordi in the Wonderland Garden), an original CD-ROM in Hebrew by Comedia Multimedia in Ramat Gan, for children aged three to six, NIS 120. Rating: three-and-a-half stars out of five

This disk is one of the growing number of children's programs that claim to improve their psychometric abilities. They don't come with a guarantee to get your child admitted to the prestigious university - or kindergarten - of their (your) choice, but they do promise to "develop" their cognitive abilities. Most of them are fun, but only a psychologist conducting clinical studies could determine whether the claims are realistic.

This is a pleasant disk where all the characters live in a kindergarten. To eliminate sexism, it offers either Gordi, a "male" teddy bear, or Daki, a "female" doll, to act as a guide. There are six different

games on the menu, each of which can be played at different levels of difficulty. The most challenging one is a maze through which users have to maneuver their car. When you pass a house of a certain color, you collect a key of the same color and only with that key can you unlock a gate. Without the key, you have to travel a very long route.

The other games are more (forgive the pun) pedestrian: Gordi and Daki float down from the sky and you have to catch them on your rubber duck; if you don't, they sink. If you succeed, they float into the air and if they hit one of several moving balloons, you get extra points. Another game requires you to match animals' sounds with the picture of the animal, while a third asks you to drag a piece of a picture or geometric figure to its appropriate place. There is also a standard jigsaw-puzzle game. The final offering is a screen with four animal musicians. They play their different instruments in sequence, and users have to click them in the same order. They can also record notes of their own creations. The disk is professionally done, but, except for the maze, users are likely to tire of the games.

HEALTH SCAN

Drivers: Wake up!

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Many road accidents caused by falling asleep at the wheel can be prevented by pinpointing most likely victims: men (especially truck drivers), soldiers and other young adults spending a night on the town.

Prof. Peretz Lavie, dean of the Technion's medical school and a leading expert in sleep medicine, writes an editorial in the latest issue of Harefuah, the journal of the Israel Medical Association, about these "predictable accidents."

Between 1992 and 1994, a total of 448 road accidents were caused by the driver falling asleep at the wheel. The toll was 14 dead, 111 seriously injured and 267 moderately or lightly injured. Lavie says he is certain this is "only the tip of the iceberg" and that, in fact, many more accidents involve sleepy drivers.

Studies show that the majority occurred between 2 and 6 p.m. and from 2 to 6 a.m.

A quarter involve young drivers, especially exhausted, off-duty soldiers who want to relax with a movie on

Friday night without catching up on sleep. Lavie also notes that the average Israeli teenager sleeps fewer hours than in nearly every other Western country. A Transport Ministry regulation (since cancelled) that barred young drivers from being on the road between midnight and 5 a.m. caused many of them to stay at entertainment places until dawn and then drive home exhausted.

Many older people who sleep behind the wheel suffer from sleep apnea syndrome: momentary halting of breathing that wakes them up dozens of times a night.

This condition can be diagnosed by doctors. Thus employers of professional drivers should send them for testing, Lavie argues. Parents should refuse to lend family cars to their soldier children if they know they are overtired, and especially if they are going to drink alcohol.

The Israel Defense Forces, he concludes, should repeatedly emphasize to soldiers that exaggerated confidence on the road, and the feeling that "it can't happen to me," are a recipe for disaster.

NEW WORLDS

Making tougher tomatoes through genetic engineering

By POST SCIENCE REPORTER

Thanks to a discovery by an Israeli-US research team, the tomatoes in your salad are likely in the future to be better-looking and -tasting and sprayed by fewer chemicals. The team, which identified a group of genes that makes tomatoes resistant to wilt disease, believe their discovery will speed up the breeding of new disease-resistant varieties and cur the need for chemical spraying.

Prof. Robert Fluhr of the Weizmann Institute of Science's plant genetics department headed the team that made this discovery, published in the current issue of The Plant Cell. Collaborating with him were colleague Dr. Dvora Aviv and doctoral student Naomi Ori. Prof. Dani Zamir and doctoral student Yuval Eshed of the Hebrew University's agriculture faculty and Prof. Steve Tanksley of Cornell University in New York.

Unlike cultivated varieties of tomatoes, wild tomatoes are naturally resistant to wilt disease, which is spread by the soil-borne fungus Fusarium oxysporum.

The fungus penetrates the roots and works its way into the plant's vascular system, which brings water and nutrients to the stems and leaves. Once inside, the fungus lurches on the plant's nutrients and produces toxins that cause the plants to wilt.

Once a widespread blight, it was largely brought under control through classical breeding techniques.

But breeding new tomato varieties through this method is extremely laborious, taking years to produce many successive generations of hybrid plants in which the undesirable traits have been eliminated but the beneficial ones retained.

Fluhr and colleagues sped up the procedure by providing molecular markers allowing breed-

ers simply to trace the genetic makeup of new hybrids instead of testing for it at each stage. Their work will also lead to genetically engineered new tomato varieties with an optimal mix of the traits.

By discovering the relevant group of genes, the scientists imparted natural self-defense capabilities to plants, so the amount of dangerous chemicals entering the environment can be reduced.

The genes form the plants' first line of defense against Fusarium attack. The genes, in effect, trigger the release of oxygen molecules to destroy the fungus or enzymes that chew away at it.

Fluhr is coordinator of the Science Ministry's Plant Genome Center at the Rehovot institute, which aims at putting Israel on the map of plant genome efforts around the world through the mapping, cloning and isolation of genes.

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Wake-up call to freedom

In the midst of the euphoria over the near bloodless fall of Kinshasa to the rebel forces of Laurent Kabila, few Zaireans have not yet paused to ask whether the change of regime is a victory for Kabila, or merely a defeat for the dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. It is a question whose answer will become clear only in the coming months — and that answer will determine whether this mighty, ravaged nation has just received a wake-up call to freedom, or merely a cruel start to more of the same.

There was some unease about the rebel leader's audacious announcement yesterday that he had taken control of Zaire — and instantly renamed it Democratic Republic of Congo — and had assumed the office of head of state. Perhaps it was that word "democratic" in the new name that grated. It has that old Marxist or Third World ring. After all, which true democratic leader ever renames his country a "democratic republic"?

However, as it is still party time in Kinshasa, it probably is unfair to carp in the first hours of Zaire's freedom from the grip of one of Africa's most loathsome dictators on a continent that has spawned more than an average share of beastly state bosses.

In 32 years of self-centered aggrandizement — with, let it be noted, the connivance of the

democratic West, especially the United States and France — Mobutu has stripped bare the lives of Zaireans while amassing personal wealth now estimated at \$4 billion. The country has no infrastructure left, it has no modern facilities, its people have been left without education, jobs, medical care, or hope. As a state, it has existed only in name. The state stopped at the gates of the presidential palace.

It can safely be assumed that Mobutu's policies were deliberate — a clear calculation that the only way he could retain control of Africa's largest block of real estate was to divide and impoverish its "tenants."

The extent of Mobutu's destruction now becomes the measure of the challenge facing Kabila. The world will allow him a generous credit line of goodwill as he begins building a nation from a wasteland.

But the world will want to see answers to some pertinent test questions: Will there be elections, will Kabila allow democratic opposition, will he be a leader in observing the human rights of his citizens? If he turns out to be a reasonable leader, Kabila deserves generous help from Zaire's Western friends. The least they can do is make some amends to the people of Zaire for their years of collusion with the predatory "Leopard," as Mobutu liked to be known.

NATO fudges it

The almost universal applause for last week's agreement between NATO and Russia was a demonstration that even the most sensible nations can occasionally take leave of their collective senses.

The simple fact is that NATO's planned expansion and admission of new members was going ahead no matter what Russia thought about it. The equally simple fact is that NATO's proposed expansion is as pointless and unnecessary as the organization's continuing belligerent posturing in the post-Cold War world.

The new agreement is only the latest attempt to fudge a face-saving formula for President Boris Yeltsin. It may fool some of the people applauding it in Western capitals for some of the time, but it isn't fooling many Russians. They, quite reasonably, cannot fathom why this old adversary of the Soviet Union is consumed by its obsession to keep on rolling forward into another century, like some irrelevant snowball picking up Eastern European pebbles in its path.

NATO was constructed for one purpose only: to provide a bulwark for the democratic Western allies against Stalin's expansionist dreams. It did its job well, enforcing an uneasy nuclear-armed peace for 45 years, until the communist house of cards collapsed under the weight of its own incompetence.

The core item of NATO philosophy was that "an attack on one member is an attack on all." This was fine for a bloc-to-bloc confrontation, a

clear red line for a "winner lose all" war in which the existence of humanity — maybe even the planet — was on the line.

With the disappearance of the monolithic enemy, NATO's central role vanished. It is no longer the same beast. Of course, Europe needs a defense system, but does it need to be a thing called NATO? The end of the Cold War gave the Europeans an opportunity to build a new defense philosophy on the solid platform NATO provided. The Bosnia war demonstrated how badly it was needed and how appallingly dependent Europe still was on the United States — the Bosnian treaty was crafted in Dayton, not in a European city, and was enforced by a NATO in which all the teeth were still American.

With the nonsensical expansion of NATO, most of Russia gets the distinct message that Europeans and Americans still want to play the game of east-west rivalry. Slightly more paranoid Russians believe their old satellite allies are out to get revenge, using NATO as the torture instrument. It is all totally unnecessary.

If NATO even had been renamed, it would have gone a long way to break with the past and reassure modern Russia. Instead, last week all Western allies and the Russian government were applauding a treaty whose details were not even publicly released — a sure sign of a fudge. The fudge will soon fade, but NATO seems determined to press on, like the Grand Old Duke of York, marching its troops to the top of a hill just to march them down again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONVERSION BATTLE

Sir, — Your editorial of April 11, "Ritual battle," offers two suggestions for resolving the conversion conflict, the latest expression of the "who is Jew?" debate: (1) to formulate a standard for conversion acceptable to all three movements; (2) for more American rabbis (and laymen) to move to Israel. Both are naive because they target the wrong issue.

The method of conversion is more political than halachic. The Orthodox are motivated not so much by the desire to curb the admission of what they term "improperly" converted immigrants, but to deny the legitimacy of non-Orthodox rabbis, and among the extremist Orthodox, and among the extremist Orthodox, and among the extremist Orthodox, and among the extremist Orthodox. The "conversion" issue is therefore only a convenient cover for another goal.

There is presently no difference between the halachic procedure followed by Conservative rabbis and Orthodox rabbis. Reform has attested that it is ready to conform to an acceptable halachic procedure. No compromise is acceptable to those Orthodox who refuse to negotiate with non-Orthodox Judaism.

In the present climate, the invitation to American olim is conditional. We want you to come to Israel, but you won't be welcome unless you leave your conscience and your religious affiliation behind you. Of course, Orthodoxy is in the majority and Conservative/Reform in the minority; however, democracy is measured not so much by the will of the majority, but by the treatment of the minority.

STANLEY RABINOWITZ, Rabbi
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SWISS NEUTRALITY

Sir, — I refer to the op-ed article of Flavio Cotti, Foreign Minister of Switzerland, in your issue of May 9.

On a hill overlooking the Swiss city of Neuchâtel, there is a monument to five brave Swiss soldiers who were killed "in defense of their country" in a bombing raid by Allied aircraft. If one asks for an explanation of this surprising inscription, the answer is simple. During the war, Swiss cities near the border were subject to the same stringent blackout rules as were practiced in neighboring Germany, Italy, Austria and France; this was because of Swiss "neutrality," i.e., in order not to make the position of the border obvious to bomber crews.

Neutrality, as seen from anywhere outside Switzerland, would have consisted in continuing to live as much as possible as though there were no war. If Switzerland chose to make it more difficult to bomb German targets, then Switzerland has a lot to answer for, no less to the families of the five soldiers killed by a misplaced bomb. This kind of thing does not fit into Mr. Cotti's excuse for the phony Swiss neutrality; Germany could not have supervised Swiss blackout rules.

Mr. Cotti also refers to the "thousands" of Jews saved by being permitted entry into his country. He does not mention the many more thousands turned away to certain death because "the lifeboat was full." Or the voluntary Swiss suggestion that passports of German Jews be stamped with a large "J" to make Swiss selection easier at the border.

STAN GOODMAN

Kiryat Yitton.

CHANGE DRIVING HABITS

Sir, — I refer to Joel Rebibo's article of May 6 entitled "Tragedies without numbers." People have to realize that unless we start correcting our driving habits, we might also be part of those numbers, God forbid.

We are all guilty, we double park not realizing that someone will have to endanger himself to pass; go through yield signs, hoping the next guy will stop; the list goes on and on. I read recently that most people in driving refresher courses don't even know who has the right of way in a traffic circle (the driver in the circle does). What it boils down to is that people need to have a little more patience on the road.

It is getting to a point that most people don't only know somebody whose distant relative or friend was killed or hurt in a car accident. We are all getting to know someone personally. Like Joel Rebibo, I also knew Shmuel. He was a friend. He taught me. We exchanged favors. And his loss hurts. Hurts so, that maybe we should start changing our driving habits.

GERSHON MARKOWITZ

COMPENSATION

Sir, — I understand that Israel remits millions of dollars to Yasser Arafat and the P.A. Why doesn't the Israel government deduct from this money all the expenses that it incurs in fighting the bomb and stone-throwers, the grenades thrown at Israeli soldiers and, for that matter, all terrorist attacks? Why shouldn't the army and the victims of terror be compensated with that money?

SALA NAKDIMEN

Seattle, Washington.

ALEX 97



Sheep people

LARRY DERFNER

Why is it that when the simple routines of public life break down because the people in charge don't give a damn, Israelis are willing to take it so obediently?

Such outspoken people, our countrymen, when it comes to politics. And so demanding when they go one-on-one, when they're fighting for their own personal interests against some bureaucrat.

But as individuals with a little public spirit, as citizens who will stand up against the powers-that-be when they and everyone else in their midst are getting messed over? Then Israelis turn into sheep. Especially when they're in a crowd.

How many times have I gone to the movie theater, seen with the rest of the audience that the picture was out of focus, yelled "Focus!" all by myself, and when nothing happened, went to complain to the usher because nobody else was willing to get out of his seat?

Plenty of times. I used to wait to see if anybody was going to make a move. Now, as soon as the picture goes blurry, I get up and head for the lobby. I've sort of appointed myself Focus Monitor at the movies, because, from what I've seen, no one else in this country is willing to take the job.

Maybe it's because I'm an American, and all that Tom Paine/Jimmy Stewart stuff had an effect on me. Maybe it's also my own natural impatience.

Whatever it is, I find myself yelling in public a lot. Somebody has to.

THERE was the time the 9:15 a.m. bus to Jerusalem didn't pull in at the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station.

Came 9:20, 9:25, no bus, and 50 or so people just kept standing in line, silently.

I saw a security man standing some distance away, and called out to him: "Where's the bus?" "How should I know?" he replied.

"Can you tell the dispatcher?" "No."

"You can't?"

I used to be Focus Monitor at the movies. No more

"No," he said, and started walking away.

"So what do you do here, anyway?" I called out, louder.

That stopped him. He turned around and started walking towards me. Everybody was watching us.

"Do I look like information to you?" he asked. "That's not my job."

We started jawing. A couple of soldiers tried to calm me down, suggesting, "Why don't you go and find out?"

The bus was now almost a quarter-hour late, and the people in line were looking at me with apprehension, like I was nuts or something.

The security guard radioed for a policeman. The cop came over and warned me, "If you keep making provocations like this, you'll find yourself under arrest."

Fine. I shut up. Nobody in line said a word to me; they didn't even look at me. We all shuffled onto the bus when it eventually pulled in.

Another tale? Once the burglar alarm on the building across the street went off in the middle of the night — for hours.

I called the cops, who said they couldn't do anything. I yelled; they hung up the phone.

Believe me, the whole neighborhood was awake.

I went across the street and tried to knock the alarm off with a broomstick, but it was too high, so I tried throwing a brick at it.

The guy who lived directly above the alarm, the neighbor suffering worst of anybody, leaned out his window and warned, "If you don't stop, I'm going to call the police."

Fine. I went home.

At about 3:30 a.m., the tenant whose alarm it was pulled up in his car and turned it off, and everybody went back to sleep, thinking, "All's well that ends well."

Hear O Israel, it's time for you to wake up. You're so bold in war, how about waking a little less mousy in peace?

I'm not going to jail for you guys. I'm tired of fighting your battles.

From now on, anybody wants to be Focus Monitor, the job's open. I'm just going to sit back and watch the bin.

The writer is a journalist who lives in Tel Aviv.

A bit of a gamble

MICHAEL HARUNI

The High Court will soon be handing down its decision on whether to overturn the state attorney's decision not to indict Benjamin Netanyahu over his possible role in the Bar-On Affair. When the court sat last week, discussion focused on the critical issue of raising the evidential threshold in this sensitive case.

Should the prime minister be taken to court only with much firmer evidence of guilt than is normally required?

"If the prime minister is charged," Justice Eliezer Goldberg speculated, "elections are called. The subject of his guilt will be central in the election campaign. The prime minister will, in effect, be neutralized for this period, meaning that the attorney-general's decision to indict the prime minister has a political consequence, even supposing [he] is cleared of charges at the end of proceedings...."

"Doesn't this necessitate raising the threshold of evidence required by the attorney-general, despite our upholding of the principle of equality before the law?"

Invariably there is personal injury to any defendant taken to court, and injustice is done to an innocent defendant even if he or she is found not guilty.

This is, of course, no argument for altering the normal decision criteria for going to court. The vigorous pursuit of justice inevitably knocks into some innocent casualties along way. Why should Netanyahu's case be different?

A man charged with murder and released after a not-guilty verdict may find that his world has collapsed, that he is ostracized by family, community and potential employers. The cost to him personally may far exceed the personal cost to a prime minister subsequently unable, unjustly, to return to office.

Netanyahu's political career, if he is indicted, could end, but he will still have a life. Why does he deserve greater caution than a murder suspect?

An obvious answer is that the injury would be not just to Netanyahu personally, but also to the state and to the nation.

Justice Goldberg's real fear may have been that the public as a whole would sustain an injury — that the country might unjustly be denied

the leader it democratically chose.

The argument, accordingly, is that the risk is twofold. The risk of personal injustice to the prime minister, it must be conceded, requires no special consideration on the part of the state attorney. But the risk to the public necessitates the stiffer standard — which the petitioners allege was exercised in this case — of prima facie

certainty. Interestingly, however, the special feature of this case, what may be thought to merit heightened caution, does not belong to the realm of law. For if we are evaluating a course of action that affects the public, broader conceptions of truth and right must apply.

In short, as in decision-making generally, the state must choose between options, after comparing their envisaged outcomes, risks and costs to the nation.

Paradoxically, judgments in this realm do not require a higher evidential threshold of truth. Quite the contrary: The risk of injury from choosing a certain option must weigh against the risk from choosing the alternative, even when flimsier evidence is all that's available.

COMPARE some illustrative scenarios. Suppose Netanyahu is indicted and found not guilty. There would be damage to the prestige of the State Attorney's Office, as well as to public regard for the abstractions of law and democracy.

On the other hand, Israel's future prime ministers would be forced to act with utmost respect for the law — knowing that this is a legal system prepared to prosecute even a head of state.

Public needs must proceed on hunches and highest probabilities, unconstrained by the demand for evidence beyond reasonable doubt

It is true that future state attorneys may feel more inhibited about prosecuting a prime minister if the present case is lost. But this depends on their individual nerve.

And if this first prime ministerial indictment was ordered by a High Court, then future state attorneys are relieved of the personal anguish.

Now suppose Netanyahu is not prosecuted. We continue with the ignominy of having a prime minister who, not implausibly, committed a crime, who the police recommended indicting, and who stays in office only because of the impotence of the legal system.

We also get a greatly more enfeebled legal system: A future prime minister knows he has license to commit crimes because no attorney will indict unless the proof is all but absolute — especially after this standard has been upheld by an immutable precedent at the High Court.

Others may sketch different scenarios. The point is that what counts, outside of considerations of justice for Netanyahu the man, is this kind of comparison.

The law must err on the side of certainty before condemning a human being, and Netanyahu, as much as any alleged criminal, would benefit personally from this protection.

But public needs must proceed on hunches, on highest probabilities, unconstrained by the extraordinary standard of evidence beyond reasonable doubt.

Democratic process inevitably moves at times on the basis of inaccuracies — TV images, press biases, hearsay, even outright slander.

Injustices are done, because, unavoidably, the working assumptions of democracy are publicly apparent truths. And the dangers are not only to the individuals fool enough to risk public life, but also to the nation.

Sometimes the wrong party takes government, an economy is stupidly managed, a nation goes wrongly to war. These are the imperfections of the least imperfect system, for uncertainty is germane to democracy.

The writer is editor of the Israel Observer, a news and culture magazine directed at visitors to Israel.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



There's never a taxi when you need one — unless you happen to be in the middle of Madrid during a demonstration demanding lower gas prices.

(AP)

ON CAMERA

Resurrecting old images

By DAVID BRAUNER

Around Independence Day, the Jerusalem Post photo archivist is routinely asked to fish out historic pictures for various sections of the paper. All too often, the older prints are faded, yellowed, stained, cracked, or dog-eared. Many of these blemishes are the unavoidable results of constant use over the last half-century or so.

Dust, dirt, fingerprints, and writing on the back of the prints are all harmful to a picture's durability. Heat and humidity soften the gelatin emulsion, making it a fertile culture for fungus. Cockroaches and silverfish consider pictures a tasty morsel.

Many picture defects, particularly yellowing and spotting, lie at the photographer's door. At times "hot news" freelancers failed to take sufficient care in developing, fixing and washing prints due to rush deadlines or, sometimes, shortages of chemicals and water in the early days of the state.

What is the life span of a picture? Nobody can really answer this question. According to David Brooks, author of *Photographic Materials and Processes* (H.P. Books), "the maximum life of a silver-based print [is] estimated at more than 500 years." Today, the first daguerreotypes, some surviving in perfect condition, are only a maximum of 158 years old.

Daguerreotypes are relatively rare, but many of us treasure family photographs from around the turn of the century. These are photographs that have long outlived the photographer, and the photographer.

Studio portraits came in two standard sizes: the smaller carte de visite (calling card) format and the larger "cabinet" portrait (10 x 14 cm.), popular from the 1860s to 1900. For durability, these images were mounted on a backing of hard card and bear the name and venue of the photographer at the bottom and sometimes on the back.

On close inspection of your family photographic heirlooms, you may notice brown or purple spots, or a deterioration in the image.

Old black-and-white prints are susceptible to ordinary silver tarnishing, because the emulsions then were richer in light-sensitive silver compounds than today's formulations.

Although expert photo restorers can



Reproduction of a studio portrait from 1925; the author's father, Erin Brauner, mark the occasion.

revive original 19th century daguerreotypes, calotypes, tintypes and ambrotypes using chemical means, the preferred and safer way to save any old picture is copying. Most amateur photographers do not

possess the know-how or equipment at home to copy pictures. However, a reputable photo lab or trained technical photographer can reproduce old family portraits. The resulting reproduction will almost always look sharper and more crisp than the original, and the new negative is good insurance against loss of the original.

There are two forms of picture damage that anyone can rectify. The first, removing fungus from a print, is done simply with film cleaner, available from photo shops and art-supply houses. Wet a cotton swab with the solvent cleaner and wipe away the spores.

The second problem, uncurling photographs, is safely accomplished by carefully wetting the back of the print with a damp sponge, then sandwiching it between two clean blotters. Put heavy books on top of the three layers, and when the picture is dry, the curl should be gone. If necessary, repeat the operation.

On the whole, most color materials are less durable than monochrome. The dyes that go into the emulsions of color transparencies, prints and negative film can and do fade with time and/or exposure to light and heat.

Again, copying is the answer to saving valuable color images, especially slides. Using filters, the expert technician can restore much of the lost color and contrast.

Of course, prevention is always better than cure. Very few black-and-white workers engage in the kind of archival processing required for permanence by museums and galleries.

But, using a stop bath, fresh fixer, and a hypo-clearing agent will lengthen the life of films and prints. And a longer water-washing period (up to 20 minutes) will clear away virtually all potentially damaging residual chemicals left in the emulsion.

And, like medicines, valuable negatives and pictures should be kept in a cool, dry place. An enameled metal cash box or file drawer makes a very safe casing, because these are fire and water resistant.


Today, there is also another alternative for preserving images: Digital scanning and computer storage. Using the latest imaging software packages, old prints and slides can be cleaned, retouched and restored.

Printouts from digital print processors, however, lack the charm of old-fashioned methods.

Not Page One

Ode to Betar

By Sam Orbaum



Yalla Betar, Yalla. Yalla, flatfoot farist!

"You see," quoth he, "For what we spend To sit here in attendance: 'Tis a right, a privilege, To exercise opinion. A democratic liberty, A hard-wrought right to speak. To chant a lusty cheer, perhaps, Or manifest displeasure."

Yalla, Betar, yalla, Yalla, flatfoot farist!

"Ay," says I, "but surely not Such venal deprecations?" — Suddenly, a roar arose. He snavely begged my pardon To join the public wrath. My half-drunk beer he took in hand And flung it to the field. What was, to me, half-full, to him Was smashed to smithereens.

Yalla, Betar, yalla, Ingest fecal emanations!

My education carried on: I had a lot to learn. "Yonder," said my gentle friend "That yellow number eight: Emaculated wet-nurse, he: A pus-infested wart. And over there, number two, In case you haven't heard, A cockroach in a jar."

Yalla, Betar, yalla, Ya manyak, yuzvuz, drekl!

"Galumph, in-di-da, a pimp, That clumsy number six; And four and ten are Tweedledee and Brother Tweedledum. Eleven lacks a scrotum, And knock-kneed number nine: Why does he fall down so much? He eats gefilte fish."

Yalla, Betar, yalla, Stinkin' Arab-lovers!

"Thanks," I said, he doffed his hat And wooing Lady Luck He punched a red-shirt rooter. Great Zeus, it turned the trick! An artful dodge, a lashing volley— The jaundiced faithful surged — "Zounds, a goal! There is a God!" The sops and fops, simps and wimps Now herculean heroes.

Yalla, Betar, yalla, We kiss your dusty feet!

Alas, the devil's side hit back, Alack, your redmen scored. Contumelies rained down again, And venereations too acute For such an august journal. Somewhere men are laughing, And somewhere children grin, But there's no joy in Malha: Mighty Betar did not win.

(For a translation into modern English, see today's sports page.)

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Sheep people

LARRY DERFNER

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I used to be Fasc Monitor at the movies. No more

HEADS 'N' TAILS

DEAR RUTHIE

Preparing pets for summer

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

There is a long, hot summer ahead, and now is the time to take certain steps to ensure the comfort of your pets. During summer, the main pet problems are external parasites such as ticks and fleas and the shedding of the heavy winter coat. Both are a nuisance but both can be ameliorated by some simple steps.

summer it is especially important. Use warm water and a special insecticidal dog shampoo. Then, while the dog is still wet, comb and brush it thoroughly using a fairly fine-toothed comb and a thickly bristled brush. If you do this well, you can remove over 80 percent of the hair that would otherwise end up all over the house. After that, a daily combing and brushing will take care of most of the problem.

talcum powder, and rub it well into the cat's fur, then comb and brush to remove it all, it will leave the cat clean and also remove most of the soon-to-be-shed hair.

is specifically labeled "for cats." Many powders that are excellent for dogs are toxic to cats. Don't make the mistake of clipping your long-haired dog to "keep it cooler." It won't. In fact, since dogs do not sweat and use their mouths for cooling (by panting), clipping deprives them of important insulation and actually makes them hotter.

too dense to comb or brush. Make sure there is clean fresh water available for your dog at all times, including when traveling. Take a water dish, and if you travel more than an hour or so, offer the dog water. Dogs lose enormous amounts of water when cooling themselves by panting and if this is not replaced they may suffer heat prostration and dehydration.

Guilt over having a healthy baby

By RUTHIE BLUM

Dear Ruthie, I made friends with a woman in my childbirth class who had her baby a week after I gave birth to mine. Tragically, due to complications in her birth caused by medical negligence, her child was born brain damaged. She and her husband have been amazing about coping with this tragedy — especially since they are also engaged in a malpractice suit.

completely. In your case, for example, the real cause of the problem may be a dread of being envied by others. Perhaps you have experienced envy directed at you, ridden with ill will. Examining your relations with parents and siblings may help to shed light on this question.

It is unlikely that your wife had a threesome in mind when planning your holiday. It may be equally unlikely that your mother would accept such an invitation. Perhaps, in fact, this is what you are secretly hoping: to be able to assuage your guilt, without having to compromise what you really want.

the "not compromising what you really want," while leaving the guilt aside. Whereas behavior based on guilt often backfires, acting on true desire rarely does. The next question to consider is whether you really want to go on this planned vacation with your wife at all. Ask yourself whether your father's marriage is not an excuse for you to engage in

My problem is that I feel so guilty about having given birth to a completely healthy, normal baby, that I am afraid to visit my friend. I have spoken to her on the phone many times, but dread going to her home with my son. On the other hand, it would seem strange if I went there without him.

Or, perhaps you have an irrational fear of exposing your "normal" baby to an "abnormal" one — a fear which may have originated from "primitive" messages instilled in you at a young age.

I suggest that you cut straight to the heart of the matter. Write down what you really want, and then ask yourself whether you are willing to compromise what you really want.

unhealthy three-way dynamics between your wife, your mother, and yourself. If not, you may as well go on the trip. And then bring your mother a gift, if it'll make you feel better.

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QUICKIE - Roberto Di Matteo (1) scores Chelsea's first goal after only 43 seconds in his team's 2-0 FA Cup final win over Middlesbrough yesterday at Wembley. Boro's Craig Hignett trails the play. (AP)

Chelsea top Boro for FA Cup

WEMBLEY (AP) - Roberto Di Matteo scored the fastest FA Cup final goal this century yesterday as Chelsea ended 26 years without a major title by downing Middlesbrough 2-0.

The Italian fired Chelsea ahead after only 43 seconds and Eddie Newton added another five minutes from the end as Middlesbrough, relegated from the Premier League and also runner-up in the League Cup, were a loser yet again.

It was Chelsea's first title since they won the European Cup Winners Cup in 1971, the year after their last FA Cup triumph.

Middlesbrough still haven't won anything in their 121-year history and now have to contemplate life in division one probably without their star players, Juninho, Emerson and Fabrizio Ravanelli. Di Matteo's 30-yard strike off the underside of the crossbar beat the 45-second goal by Newcastle's Jackie Milburn in the 3-1 victory over Manchester City in 1955.

The Italian collected the ball from Dennis Wise inside his own half and took the ball forward some 30 yards as the Boro defense retreated and he beat goalkeeper Ben Roberts with a shot that dipped late.

It could have been 2-0 in the

ninth minute when defender Scott Minto got through on the left but Roberts raced off his line to block his shot.

Ravanelli recovered in time from back and hamstring injuries to take his place in Middlesbrough's lineup, but lasted only 22 minutes. The former Juventus striker chased a through ball from Juninho and pulled up with a recurrence of the hamstring trouble.

Romanian midfielder Dan Petrescu almost put Chelsea further ahead with a lob over goalkeeper Roberts, but Boro defender Nigel Pearson got back to head behind from underneath the crossbar.

It was even worse for Boro when Robbie Mustoe limped off with a left knee injury six minutes and Bryan Robson's team had to reshuffle with Italian defender Gianluca Festa moving up to midfield.

The game was played in very warm, steamy conditions and went flat as both teams played sideways soccer instead of getting the ball forward. Chelsea remained in control but played at little more than half pace.

A minute before half time, Gianfranco Zola curled a 30-yard free kick round the Boro wall and Roberts dived low to his left to

palm the ball round the post.

And seconds before the interval, Festa headed the ball into the Chelsea net from Phil Stamp's chip but it was ruled out for an offside which looked a very close decision.

Zola and Juninho, two players expected to inject some world class play into the final, were rarely unable to create any magical moments.

The Brazilian went on a weaving 40-yard run early in the second half but was crudely brought down by Di Matteo just outside the Chelsea area. The Italian was shown the yellow card and Juninho drove the free kick in the defensive well.

In the 70th minute, Zola went round three Boro defenders, pulled the ball inside and fired a powerful shot which goalkeeper Roberts did well to block at the near post.

Eleven minutes from the end, Chelsea's Norwegian goalkeeper, Frode Grodas, also made a stunning blocking save to keep out a shot from Steve Vickers after Juninho had put the substitute through.

Five minutes from the end, Chelsea scored the clincher when Petrescu's lob to the far post was backheeled acrobatically into the

goalmouth by Zola and Newton ran up to drive the ball home from six yards.

Three minutes later, Gianluca Vialli ran on to make a brief appearance as substitute for Zola.

Before the game, the Boro fans whistled loudly and jeered the Football Association officials who accompanied the Duke and Duchess of Kent at the traditional pre-kickoff presentation of the lineups. Their action was in protest at the deduction of three league points which ultimately led to the club's relegation from the Premier League.

Leeds, DC United draw
Defending Major League Soccer champion DC United used a last-minute goal from Tony Sanneh to draw even with touring Leeds United 1-1 on Friday in Washington, DC.

The exhibition was played before 10,704 at RFK Stadium. Leeds United, took a 1-0 lead in the 19th minute. Lee Sharpe pounded a crossing pass from the left corner through the box, finding Derek Lilley's head three yards in front of the net.

In a Scottish Premier Division playoff yesterday, Hibernian beat Airdrie 1-0. The return leg is Thursday.

Klinsmann to Sampdoria

FRANKFURT (AP) - After two tumultuous seasons with Bayern Munich, star striker and German captain Juergen Klinsmann is leaving Germany again for Italy and will join Sampdoria Genoa.

"It's high time that this torture cease," Klinsmann told the *Suntag* newspaper.

Klinsmann, who has 96 games for the German national team, repeatedly has complained about Bayern trainer Giovanni Trapattoni replacing him during Bundesliga games.

and first base, allowing Tucker to score. Tucker had three of the Braves' seven hits.

Marlin's 3, Pirates 1
Alex Fernandez got the only two runs he needed in the first inning and Florida celebrated manager Jim Leyland's return to Pittsburgh.

Rookie Todd Dunwoody, making his second major-league start, had a run-scoring triple in the first and an RBI double in the eighth as the Marlins won their fifth in a row.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Blue Jays 5, Indians 2
Roger Clemens improved to 7-0, outpitching Orel Hershiser to lead host Toronto.

Clemens gave up one run and six hits in seven innings. He struck out four and walked three as the Blue Jays won for the 10th time in 13 games. Mike Timlin got three outs for his fifth save.

Hershiser (3-2) had been 4-0 in four career starts at SkyDome. He gave up eight hits in seven innings.

ATLANTA (AP) - The Cardinals' Alan Benes lost his no-hitter on Michael Tucker's two-out double in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Atlanta Braves scored in the 13th on Andrew Jones' infield dribbler to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 1-0 on Friday.

Benes, bidding to pitch the first no-hitter of the season and the first in Turner Field's brief history, more than matched Greg Maddux for eight innings before 46,626, the largest crowd ever at the new ballpark.

The teams combined for 33 strikeouts, three shy of matching the NL record for an extra-inning game last done by the Giants and Mets in 23-inning game in 1964.

In the 13th, Tucker singled with one out off John Frascatore (2-2) and stole second. Chipper Jones' fly to right moved Tucker to third and Fred McGriff was intentionally walked.

Andrew Jones then beat out a slow roller between the mound

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Florida 24 16 .600 3
Montreal 22 16 .579 4
New York 20 20 .500 7
Philadelphia 14 25 .359 12½

Central Division
Houston 22 19 .537 -
Pittsburgh 21 19 .525 ½
St. Louis 17 22 .436 4
Chicago 13 28 .313 8
Cincinnati 12 27 .306 9

West Division
San Francisco 23 15 .605 -
Colorado 23 16 .590 ½
Los Angeles 22 16 .579 1
San Diego 14 24 .369 9

American League
East Division W L Pct GB
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New York 24 17 .586 3
Toronto 21 17 .553 4½
Detroit 17 23 .425 9½
Boston 15 23 .395 10½

Central Division
Kansas City 20 16 .526 -
Milwaukee 19 18 .514 ½
Cleveland 18 20 .474 2
Chicago 16 22 .421 4
Minnesota 16 25 .390 5½

West Division
Texas 22 16 .579 -
Seattle 23 17 .575 -
Anaheim 19 18 .500 3
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Friday's AL results: Minnesota 11, Boston 5, Detroit 10, Kansas City 2, Texas 6, NY 0, Toronto 5, Cleveland 2, Anaheim 5, Milwaukee 1, Baltimore 6, Seattle 3, Chicago 6, Oakland 2.

Thursday's AL results: Chicago 4, Seattle 3, Kansas City 10, Detroit 9, NY 8, Texas 2, Anaheim 3, Baltimore 2, Oakland 6, Milwaukee 5.

Friday's NL results: Chicago 16, San Diego 7, Florida 3, Pittsburgh 1; Cincinnati 4, Los Angeles 2, Houston 12, Philadelphia 7, Colorado 2, NY 1; Montreal 14, San Francisco 13; Atlanta 1, St. Louis 0 (13).

Thursday's NL results: Chicago 8, San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 3; Los Angeles 2, Cincinnati 1; Montreal 8, San Francisco 7.

Ukrainian wins 100m butterfly in Haifa

By HEATHER CHAIT

Denis Silantiev from the Ukraine chose the Haifa Cup competition yesterday to swim the 100 meters butterfly in the world's best time this year.

Silantiev clocked 53:15, a time equal to the third best at the Atlanta Olympics and a new Ukrainian record.

Much is expected in Sydney 2000 from the 21-year-old Silantiev, silver medalist at the last world championships in Göteborg.

While the local men swimmers disappointed at the event held at the Technion, Israel's young female swimmers were responsible for four national records.

Fifteen-year-old Anya Gostamelski dominated the pool with two records.

In the 100m freestyle, her time was 58:99 against the previous record of 59:04 which belonged to Keren Regel.

Gostamelski also won the 50m butterfly in 29:60, breaking Lital Cashriel's 29:68.

Cashriel herself set a new time of 2:20.30 in the 200m backstroke, slashing Timea Toth's record which stood at 2:21.48.

Limor Marmelstein, in the 100m breaststroke, finished in 1:13.85, usurping the new record from Netta Cohen's 1:14.22.

Gostamelski's talents helped Maccabi Haifa to win the group event.

SCOREBOARD

Australian Rules Football - 8th-round weekend results: Geelong 19.14 (128) def. Melbourne 7.7 (49); North Melbourne 19.14 (128) def. Port Adelaide 15.10 (100); Collingwood 19.15 (129) def. Western Bulldogs 11.17 (83).

Heading south for 7th games

Miami beats suspension-depleted New York, 95-90; Seattle played at Houston last night

NEW YORK (AP) - After all the hype, all the dirt and all the suspensions, the Knicks-Heat series will go down to the wire. "The ultimate game," Pat Riley said.

It will be Game 7 tonight at Miami Arena (Live TV broadcast, Sports Channel, 10:10 pm), the place where this second-round series turned the Heat's way.

The sequence of events that unfolded last Wednesday in that building - a bench-clearing brawl that led to five suspensions and the harshest punishment in NBA play-off history - produced ramifications that were felt Friday night. The shorthanded New York Knicks simply didn't have enough to close out Miami, losing 95-90 when their suspension-weakened lineup couldn't keep up down the stretch.

As a result, Miami is within one victory of becoming the sixth team in NBA history to successfully come back from a 3-1 deficit - unless Seattle did it last night at Houston.

But the Heat will have to get a victory in a building where they have already lost three times to the Knicks - twice in the regular season and also in Game 1 of this series.

"It's one game for the season," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "We're either going to move on toward our goal or go home."

Alonzo Mourning and Dan Majerle had their best games of the series as the Heat used a flurry of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to pull away.

The Heat overcame an emotion-charged New York team still reeling from the NBA's suspension of six players - five Knicks and Miami's P.J. Brown - for a brawl in Game 5.

New York was without its two leading scorers, Patrick Ewing and Allan Houston, as well as backup point guard Charlie Ward. The

Knicks will have to play Game 7 without Larry Johnson and John Starks, who will serve their suspensions, while Brown will sit out the second game of his two-game suspension.

The Knicks made up for the loss of Houston's and Ewing's offense for more than three quarters. But a cold spell midway through the fourth - along with their inability to stop Mourning inside all game long - sealed their fate.

"Obviously, when you have players out from both teams it has an impact, but we had more than enough to win with," Van Gundy said.

Mourning led Miami with 28 points and nine rebounds, Majerle added 18 points with four 3-pointers and Tim Hardaway scored 20 points.

Chris Childs led New York with 22 points, Johnson had 20 and Charles Oakley had 18 points and 12 rebounds as all three had their highest-scoring games of the series.

The Knicks were ahead 72-68 with eight minutes left before the Heat began their final push with two 3-pointers from Hardaway for a 74-74 tie.

Miami pushed the ball upcourt after the Knicks missed shots on their next three possessions, and the sudden burst of energy seemed to catch the exhausted Knicks on their heels.

"They were a step slow getting back because they only had nine players. We knew that, and we knew we had to run," Hardaway said.

"It feels great to come back from down 3-1, but we still have to do it - and we don't want nothing easy," Hardaway said.

"We can't have a letdown and can't relax or we'll lose."

THURSDAY'S GAME
Sonic's 99, Rockets 96
Pretty good at finishing games, the Houston Rockets can't seem to

get them started lately.

Host Seattle has bounced on the slow-starting Rockets in each of the past two games to erase a 3-1 deficit and force last night's Game 7 of their Western Conference semifinals.

"As far as I'm concerned, there is no history involved," Sonics forward Shawn Kemp said, referring to overcoming the 3-1 deficit. "We haven't done anything yet. The only credit goes to the winner. They've won before, and we've won before."

In Game 6, Seattle went up 16-2 in the opening 4:49 and Houston never led. In Game 5 in Houston, the Sonics led 15-5 with 6:35 left in the first quarter.

"If we can play like that every night, it would be great for us," said Gary Payton, whose basket with 12 seconds doomed the Rockets to a road loss.

The Rockets know that it's possible to come back from 3-1 down because they are the last team to do it, overtaking Phoenix in the 1995 Western Conference finals en route to their second NBA championship.

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich is counting on a better start in the series finale.

"We missed 13 layups in the first half so it's amazing that we had the character and courage to come back," Tomjanovich said. "I know we've got character and heart but we've got to get that warrior deal from the start and just make some shots."

The Rockets cut Seattle's 20-point third-quarter lead to two points late in the fourth quarter until Payton's basket with 12 seconds to play iced the game for the Sonics.

"We ran out of gas a bit at the end," Seattle coach George Karl said. "I don't know why we let it happen. We have to play faster and longer to win."

Flyers top Rangers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Garth Snow, benched in the series-clinching win against Buffalo, made 24 saves and John LeClair and Eric Lindros assisted on all three goals as the Flyers beat the New York Rangers 3-1 in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals Friday night.

Philadelphia coach Terry Murray, who played Ron Hextall instead of Snow in Game 5 against the Sabres, kept quiet his goalie choice for Game 1 until shortly before the start.

Snow shut out the Rangers until Luc Robitaille scored with just 10 seconds remaining.

The Rangers, who have lost the first game in their last eight playoff series, get a chance to tie the series in Game 2 today in Philadelphia.

Dainius Zubrus and Janne Niinimaa, the playoffs' leading rookie scorers, got goals a little more than two minutes apart early in the first period. Eric Desjardins made it 3-0 in the third period on a shot that actually went in off the skate of a Rangers player.

Avalanche 2, Red Wings 1
Host Colorado was fortunate to win Game 1 of the Western Conference finals on Thursday, and they know it.

The Avalanche were outshot 35-

19 by Detroit and most of the action took place at their end of the ice, but they grabbed the 2-1 victory thanks to stellar goaltending by Patrick Roy and goals from Joe Sakic and Mike Ricci.

Colorado also knows a similar performance in Game 2 will not produce the same result.

"We're happy we got a win," Avalanche center Peter Forsberg said Friday. "But we know we have to step it up. They (Red Wings) played better than us."

"We have to get some offense going. Our power play wasn't good at all," Avalanche coach Marc Crawford said his team's power play - the NHL's best in both the regular season and playoffs - was a little out of sync, for whatever reason. We did get three or four chances.

"What you have to do on the power play is work together. It can't be one guy trying to battle two guys when you have the man advantage."

A disturbing trend has developed for the Avalanche, who continue to be outshot and are allowing an average of 35 shots over the last five playoff games. But, luckily, they have Roy.

Roy has given up only seven goals in Colorado's seven home playoff games this year.

Graf receives worst drubbing

BERLIN (AP) - Steffi Graf's comeback hit a stone wall Friday as South Africa's Amanda Coetzer handed the former world No. 1 the worst beating of her career at the German Open.

Coetzer, ranked No. 10 in the world, ripped the top-seeded German, 6-0, 6-1 in the 56-minute quarterfinal.

But then Coetzer got her comeuppance when Mary Pierce beat her in straight sets to reach the final yesterday.

In the final, the French woman will meet Yre Fernandez, who overcame erratic Czech second seed Jana Novotna 6-3 6-1.

Graf, returning from a three-month layoff due to a knee injury, could not win a game in the quarterfinal match until she trailed 4-0 in the second set.

Graf, who lost the top-ranking to Martina Hingis, scattered 16 forehand errors and four double faults in the first set alone against Coetzer, who also beat Graf at this year's Australian Open.

Graf's previous worst loss came at the 1991 French Open when Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat her 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinals.

Mark Taylor determined to rise to challenge of the Ashes

LONDON (Reuters) - In the lobby of the Australian team's plush Mayfair hotel last Monday, the first important decisions of a modern-day Ashes tour were being taken within hours of the squad's arrival.

Mark Waugh wanted to check the availability of the four-door automatic car he had requested for when his wife arrives in England. Around him, his teammates put in requests for complimentary golf clubs - "Mate, I'd prefer stiffer shafts if possible" - and discussed how many tickets they would need for the Wimbledon tennis.

Relaxed and bright-eyed despite the overnight flight from Hong Kong, a few of the younger players were planning their first foray into London's West End. Life as a professional cricketer is not all damp county grounds and endless hours in the nets.

For at least one member of the tour party, though, the natural excitement generated by an Ashes series is mixed with understandable caution. Australia expects great things from its cricket team and all sorts of emotions are currently swirling around captain Mark Taylor.

Taylor, as the cricketing world knows, has not scored a half-century in any of his last 20 Test innings and was forced to drop himself from the one-day side in South Africa recently because of his poor form.

Back in Australia, which has always prided

itself on picking the best 11 men regardless of rank, the debate over whether he should remain in charge has raged for months, almost eclipsing the series wins over West Indies and South Africa.

If it is affecting Taylor, who has given himself a month in England to locate the exit to what has become a personal batting maze, he shows amazingly little sign.

It takes a brave man to discuss his frailties in front of a curious crowd of English reporters, not to mention his own players and management, but the 32-year-old from Wagga Wagga remains refreshingly upfront.

"There have been times when I've been close to pulling my hair out because things haven't been turning around for me," he admitted.

"It is very frustrating when I know I can play better but I've always believed that you're only one innings away from being back in form. Once you get it back, you can't work out why it took so long."

What Taylor is hoping for is a similar experience to his first tour of England in 1989 when he averaged 83.9 in a Test series which Australia won 4-0.

"In the first month of that tour I had a top score of 11," he recalls. "I was looking forward to September because I thought I'd be carrying the drinks for most of the series."

"But it turned around in one innings at Somerset. I made 97 after being dropped on eight.

I remember that innings very well." It is strangely easy to forget that Taylor lies in sixth position in the all-time list of Australian run-scorers, with a superior aggregate to former captains Ian Chappell, Bill Lawry and Bobby Simpson.

As a skipper, only Sir Donald Bradman and Lindsay Hassett have a higher winning percentage but no-one is more aware than Taylor that his position has to be earned.

"My recent form with the bat has been well documented...it's been terrible," admitted the left-hander. "But it's great to be back in England, my record is good here and I'm hoping this English summer will turn it around for me."

In the three weeks between the end of the South African series and his team's departure for England, however, Taylor's only contact with his bat was to pack it in his kit-bag when he returned from a family fishing holiday.

Now, as he picks it up again, he knows he has to start making "my share of the runs" in the knowledge that his English counterpart Michael Atherton is scarcely in better shape.

In the circumstances, an Ashes triumph would be a sweet achievement for either man, even without the sponsorship of a cola company who surrounded Taylor with bottles of their product last Monday. Restoring the fizz to their captains' batting will be both sides' priority as cricketer's oldest contest looms.

הולדה מן האל

Betar take soccer crown

By DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

Betar Jerusalem captured their third-ever championship title yesterday afternoon, with two rounds of the season left to play, adding the league crown to the club's previous successes in 1987 and 1993.

The one-all scoreline in Betar's derby match at Teddy Stadium against Hapoel Jerusalem had no effect on the destination of the title, which was effectively decided when second-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva fell to a 5-2 defeat at the hands of Maccabi Haifa on Friday, and Hapoel Beersheba were held to goalless draw away to Maccabi Petah Tikva earlier yesterday afternoon.

Betar captain Eli Ohana fittingly scored Betar's sole goal yesterday. Ohana has played a part in the Jerusalemite's three title successes, and etched a new club-scoring record with his 141st goal, and his 14th of the present campaign.

Over 10,000 Betar fans paid joyous salute to Teddy to the side fashioned by coach Eli Cohen, and the celebrations boiled over onto the pitch towards the end of the match, forcing the game to be ended before the completion of stoppage time.

Hapoel Tel Aviv fans were also in good spirits yesterday as their team's 2-1 pounding of Bnei Yehuda saved the reds from the drop into the Second Division.

Their relief was matched by the anguish of the Zafirim Holon supporters who witnessed their team's 2-1 home defeat on Friday to a rather lackluster Hapoel Haifa, after the Holonis had led 1-0 early in the game. The two results combined to condemn Holon to Division Two next season along with Hapoel Taiba.

The only question still open in the top flight is who will eventually take second position and the valuable UEFA Cup place that goes with it. Hapoel Petah Tikva and Hapoel Beersheba are tied for points with the Petah Tikvas maintaining a two-goal advantage on goal difference.

Hapoel Ashkelon took the Second Division championship and the accompanying promotion spot with a 1-0 win on Friday over promotion hopefuls Ironi Ashdod, in the penultimate round of the season. Fortunately for Ashdod, their rivals for second place, Maccabi Netanya also wavered, losing 2-1 at home to Maccabi Kiryat Gat. Ironi and Netanya both share 54 points with two goals separating the sides in the standings.

At the other end of the Second Division table, any two of three sides could go down. Bottom-of-the-heap Hapoel Hadera fashioned a brave 3-1 away victory at the weekend, while Nes Ziona and Maccabi Yavne held on with goalless draws.

Hap J'lem 1, Betar J'lem 1

Secure in the knowledge that the title silver was already in the bag just three minutes after the kickoff - with the end of the Beersheba match - Betar failed to give their all in this game, while Hapoel played their hearts out.

The final result reflected the pattern of the game: Betar had most of the possession and ideas, but Hapoel defended valiantly and attacked forcefully on the break.

Eli Ohana should have had the ball in the net eight minutes after the kickoff, but aimed straight at the towering body of Hapoel goalkeeper Jaroslav Baku in a one-on-one situation. The Betar hordes who outnumbered their red rivals 10 to one, were muttering in disbelief again when Roman Harazi scooped a significant opportunity skywards nine minutes later.

The game picked up pace when Ohana finally ended the deadlock in the 44th minute, adding the finishing touch to a classic Betar attacking move orchestrated by Stefan Saloi. The Hungarian surged forward from the center circle then threaded the ball to Harazi who nudged it rightwards,

picking out Ohana in a position from which the Betar veteran rarely misses.

Hapoel's reaction was almost instantaneous. Two minutes into injury time, Michel Dayan angled a pass to Ronnen Schweig loitering deep inside the Betar area with his back to goal. Schweig simply passed the ball tantalizingly into the path of Eyal Avrahami to deliver into goal for the red's equalizer.

Hapoel continued to neutralize the Betar front line for most of the second half. Ohana had a strong penalty appeal rejected by Amit Klein in the 69th minute when he appeared to have been felled while trying to round Baku. A minute later it was the turn of the Betar fans to count their good fortune when Assi Toubi had the ball at his feet a few meters from goal with just Itzik Kornfein to beat, but fired straight at the Betar goalkeeper.

In the 86th minute, Betar fans began to skirt over the stadium barriers and onto the margins of the pitch, causing referee Klein to halt play for four minutes while the police attempted to restore order. Play eventually resumed only to be stopped again three minutes later with a massive pitch invasion that even the horse-mounted police officers failed to contain. Klein opted not to be the one to spoil the party and blew for time.

Hap TA 4, Bnei Yehuda 1

This victory coupled with Holon's defeat keeps Hapoel among the top cats for another season and finally justifies the decision to entrust Dror Kashtan with the task of taking over what appeared to be a sinking ship from former coach Moshe Sinal.

It did not take long for Hapoel to strike the right chord, as Eyal Ben-Ami collected a neat cross from Alon Hazan in the 13th minute and volleyed it into goal from the left side of the Bnei Yehuda area. The second goal scored by Yossi Medar seven minutes later was a virtual action-replay as the Bnei Yehuda defense succumbed to the same move.

A disputed penalty award in favor of the visitors allowed Alon Mizrahi to reduce the deficit just before halftime, and Bnei Yehuda were unfortunate not to level when an Amir Avigdor shot hit the bar in the second half.

The harsh dismissal of Bnei Yehuda's Shuki Nagar in the 65th minute for receiving his second yellow card of the game signaled another period of Hapoel domination, with Krazimir Moshal then Yossi Medar providing handsome goals to send the red fans home on cloud nine.

Mac PT 0, Hap Beersheba 0

Hap Beersheba were unable to postpone Betar's title celebrations as they were held to a draw by the hosts who generally had the better of this somewhat unimpressive meeting. More importantly the southerners threw away their chance to overtake second-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva in the race for the coveted UEFA Cup slot.

Maccabi's Ofer Shitret always looked the player most likely to score coming close in the 12th minute, then having a penalty claim dismissed close on the half hour.

Mac Haifa 5, Hap. PT 2

Reuven Atar put on a sparkling display and sent a strong signal to national coach Shlomo Scharf that he is back in top form and ready to take on Russia in Israel colors next month.

Atar hit a hat trick as Haifa stormed past Hapoel Petah Tikva, who stay in second place but now lead third-placed Hapoel Beersheba only on goal difference. Should Beersheba overtake Petah Tikva, the latter side will only gain a place in Europe if Beersheba win the State Cup.

Atar struck in the 20th, 33rd and 58th minutes, as Haifa looked to have rediscovered the form every-body expects of them.

There was a momentary scare for the home side as Moti Kalkon pulled back a goal after a defen-

sive error in the Haifa defense on the stroke of halftime let him through to slot home past Nir Davidovich. Gabor Marton then made it 3-2 10 minutes after the restart with a shot from 18 meters out. But Hezi Shirazi (63) and then Avishai Janno (83) made sure Petah Tikva's misery would be complete.

Zaf Holon 1, Hap. Haifa 2

Probably the most significant of all Friday's results was the home loss by Zafirim Holon, which now leaves them only with a theoretical chance of staying up. Holon trail Hapoel Tel Aviv by six points and are also 12 goals in arrears in the goal-difference stakes.

The Holonis took the lead through a Yossi Balas header after just 10 minutes and the home fans thought there was reason to be hopeful.

Hapoel Haifa played poorly in the first half and lacked direction, mainly due to the absence of Tal Banin through an indefinite suspension imposed by outgoing coach Ivan Katalinic. But once Haifa managed to equalize in the second half through Alon Kaplan (52), Holon became inconsolable and the team appeared to have "relegated" written across their shirts.

The death blow was delivered by Hisham Zuabi in the 63rd minute when he headed Haifa's winner, giving Holon every reason to feel that the drop is now just inches away.

Ironi Rishon 2, Mac. TA 1

Rishon scored their first-ever league win over Maccabi Tel Aviv in a match which had little

significance for either side, although Maccabi will not have earned any boost to their morale as they prepare to take on Hapoel Beersheba in the State Cup final next week.

Avi Nimni hit the post with a penalty attempt after Eli Driks had been brought down by Assi Shemesh in the 36th minute. Shemesh made amends four minutes before halftime, however, as he put Rishon ahead.

Substitute Guy Tzarfat equalized for Maccabi in the 65th minute, but two minutes from time, Danny Albert gave the hosts - if nothing else - one of the most prestigious wins in their short National League history.

Hap. Beit She'an 1, Mac. Herzliya 1

Little interest in this match, with neither side having anything to play for, saw the points shared as Yehuda Amar put the hosts up after 32 minutes.

Roman Filipchuk made sure the trip back home to Herzliya would not be totally worthless and assured a point with a 61st minute strike.

Hap. Kfar Sava 2, Hap. Taiba 1

Relegated Taiba were hoping they would regain some lost pride when they went ahead through Yevgeny Kashentsev in the 36th minute. But Kfar Sava had other ideas as they scored two goals later on to secure victory.

Yaniv Abargil had his penalty saved on the stroke of halftime by Taiba's keeper Akaki Divadze, but in the second half, Kobi Refuah (46) and then Bogdan Yoshibek (78) made sure of all three points.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Zafirim Holon	(1) 1	Hapoel Haifa	(0) 2
Yossi Beles	(1) 0	Alon Kaplan	(0) 2
Maccabi Petah Tikva	(0) 0	Hisham Zuabi	(0) 3
Hapoel Beit She'an	(1) 1	Hapoel Beersheba	(0) 0
Yehuda Amar	(1) 2	Maccabi Herzliya	(0) 1
Ironi Rishon LeZion	(1) 2	Roman Filipchuk	(0) 1
Assi Sharnesh	(1) 1	Maccabi Tel Aviv	(0) 1
Danny Albert	(1) 1	Guy Tzarfat	(0) 1
Hapoel Jerusalem	(1) 1		
Eyal Avrahami	(1) 4	Betar Jerusalem	(1) 1
Hapoel Tel Aviv	(1) 4	Eli Chana	(1) 4
Eyal Ben-Ami	(1) 3	Bnei Yehuda	(1) 1
Yossi Medar	(1) 3	Alon Mizrahi	(1) 42 (pen.)
Krazimir Moshal	(1) 2		
Hapoel Kfar Sava	(0) 2	Hapoel Taiba	(1) 1
Kobi Refuah	(1) 2	Yevgeny Kashentsev	(1) 3
Bogdan Yoshibek	(1) 2		
Maccabi Haifa	(1) 2	Hapoel Petah Tikva	(1) 2
Reuven Atar	(1) 2	Moti Kalkon	(1) 2
Hezi Shirazi	(1) 2	Gabor Marton	(1) 2
Avishai Janno	(1) 2		

SECOND DIVISION

Hapoel Ramat Gan	(0) 0	Maccabi Acre	(0) 2
Hapoel Ashdod	(0) 0	Nes Ziona	(0) 0
Maccabi Jaffa	(0) 0	Maccabi Yavne	(0) 0
Maccabi Kfar Kana	(0) 0	Hapoel Hadera	(0) 0
Maccabi Netanya	(0) 0	Maccabi Kiryat Gat	(0) 0
Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	(0) 0	Betar Tel Aviv	(0) 0
Hapoel Ashkelon	(0) 0	Ironi Ashdod	(0) 0
Hapoel Bat Yam	(0) 0	Hakoah Ramat Gan	(0) 0

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts
Betar Jerusalem	28	20	5	3	58	17	41
Hapoel Petah Tikva	28	17	6	5	52	30	22
Hapoel Beersheba	28	13	3	7	43	23	20
Maccabi Petah Tikva	28	18	9	6	38	22	16
Maccabi Tel Aviv	28	13	6	9	46	32	14
Maccabi Haifa	28	11	9	8	40	32	8
Hapoel Kfar Sava	28	11	7	10	32	31	1
Hapoel Haifa	28	11	6	11	31	32	-1
Ironi Rishon LeZion	28	10	6	12	32	45	-13
Bnei Yehuda	28	9	8	11	29	38	-9
Hapoel Jerusalem	28	9	6	13	29	38	-9
Hapoel Beit She'an	28	8	7	13	25	30	-5
Maccabi Herzliya	28	9	4	15	18	26	-8
Hapoel Tel Aviv	28	6	9	13	19	30	-11
Zafirim Holon	28	4	9	15	16	39	-23
Hapoel Taiba	28	4	2	22	18	61	-43

SECOND DIVISION

P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts
Hapoel Ashkelon	29	19	6	4	37	13	24
Ironi Ashdod	29	16	6	7	45	25	20
Maccabi Netanya	29	16	6	7	52	34	18
Hakoah Ramat Gan	29	12	8	9	38	28	10
Hapoel Bat Yam	29	11	9	9	34	26	8
Maccabi Jaffa	29	11	7	11	42	37	5
Maccabi Kfar Kana	29	10	9	10	27	30	-3
Hapoel Ramat Gan	29	9	11	9	29	23	6
Betar Tel Aviv	29	9	9	11	26	36	-10
Maccabi Acre	29	8	11	10	24	27	-1
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	29	8	11	10	26	35	-11
Hapoel Ashdod	29	8	13	18	23	31	-3
Hap Kiryat Shmona	29	6	13	10	23	31	-8
Nes Ziona	29	7	8	14	27	42	-15
Maccabi Yavne	29	8	5	16	23	49	-26
Hapoel Hadera	29	5	11	13	26	40	-14



PAR FOR THE COURSE - Tiger Woods reacts after missing a birdie putt on the fourth hole of the first round of the Byron Nelson Classic on Thursday. Woods took par on the hole. (AP)

Trying to catch a Tiger by the tail

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Just call them the "Tiger Trackers." It's no wonder it was the GTE Byron Nelson that it was at the Masters - catch Tiger if you can.

At the Masters, Tiger Woods blew the field away by 12 shots on the fast greens of Augusta National Golf Club.

At the Nelson, the greens aren't as fast and the layouts at Cottonwood Valley and the TPC at the Pflug Seasonal Resort aren't as difficult, so the field is packed much closer. Still, the task is no less daunting for those in pursuit of Tiger.

Woods shared the 36-hole lead Friday with journeyman Lee Rinker, who birdied the last three holes to tie him at 12-under-par 128.

Rinker, whose best 1997 finish was a 28th at the Doral Ryder Open, said he'll try not to be intimidated being paired with Woods.

"I'm looking forward to it, what the heck," Rinker said.

"How many other people would like to be playing with Tiger? He has raised the bar. He makes everybody play that much better.

There is not a hole where par is a good score for him." Woods has a one-shot lead over Mike Standly and a two-shot lead over Paul Stankowski and Jim Furyk going into yesterday's third round.

Standly, who had to go to qualifying school to get on the PGA Tour this year, said it can be hard being around the huge galleries following Woods.

"It should be fun," said Standly, who hasn't won a tournament in four years. "We'll sure be the center of attention Saturday."

Standly shot a 7-under 63 on the TPC course Friday, including a 6-under 29 on the back nine.

"It's possible to catch and beat anybody," Standly said bravely. "I'll never give a tournament away to anybody. I think Tiger's impact on golf is great. More people are getting involved in golf than ever before because of him. What other place would you rather be?"

Stankowski, who won at Hawaii earlier this year and is eighth on the money list with over \$600,000, suffers no illusions in the Tiger chase.

"He's the best player in the world and he proved it again today," Stankowski said. "It's a

given he'll shoot 6- or 7-under par on these courses. It's no surprise." Stankowski, who lives in Irving and uses the TPC course as his practice ground, shot a 4-under 66 at Cottonwood Valley to follow his opening 64.

Furyk, the man with the loopy swing and the golden putting touch, said any player stalking Woods knows it's going to take two low rounds over the weekend to catch him.

"I don't play the same game as him," Furyk said. "He's so long off the tee that a lot of us have trouble understanding exactly where he hits it. I know he's 50 yards ahead of me."

Furyk, who followed an opening 63 with a 3-under 67 on the TPC course, said he is still spellbound by what Woods did at Augusta.

"It's incredible that someone could win a major by 12 shots," Furyk said.

National volleyball team upsets Slovakia

The national volleyball team upset clear favorites Slovakia in the European Cup preliminary rounds last night at Wingate Institute.

This was Slovakia's first defeat in the tournament and after four consecutive away losses for Israel, leaves a glimmer of hope for the local team to reach the finals.

The score was 3-1 (12-15, 15-11, 15-11).

The win continues Israel's record of not losing a home game, with previous wins over Poland and Latvia.

Israel now faces Slovakia on May 24 in the away game and another win will move Israel into top position. If Israel loses, her chances to advance will depend on Poland and Latvia. Heather Chait

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Survey after TV debate: Barak wins

Jerusalem Post Staff

Labor Party leadership front-runner MK Ehud Barak easily won a debate with his three contenders broadcast on Channel 2 yesterday, according to a survey of viewers. The Labor Party holds its election for Shimon Peres's successor on June 3.

The Telesker survey found that the viewer rating for the debate was 15.2 percent, indicating that some 429,000 people watched it.

Of the 900 people surveyed, 29.2% said they thought Barak won. Following Barak were MKs Yossi Beilin (20.6%), Shlomo Ben-Ami (14.6%) and Ephraim Sneh (6.3%). The rest - 29.3% of viewers - did not take a stand.

Asked who had the best chance of beating Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, 57% said Barak, 18% Beilin, 2.4% Ben-Ami and 2.0% Sneh.

The debate, taped on Friday, consisted of questions presented by hosts Oshrat Kortler and Gadi Sukeinik and one-minute answers from the candidates.

The four men, all dressed in suits,

shook hands, posed for a group photograph and were, for the most part, friendly as they stood side-by-side on the stage.

Barak was mostly conciliatory, praising his adversaries and calling for party unity. But at the beginning of the debate, Barak turned to Beilin and, referring to recent surveys that found both could beat Netanyahu in elections for prime minister, said: "You can't beat Netanyahu, despite the surveys."

Beilin retorted: "Ehud Barak can't beat Netanyahu. There are [Labor] members who tell him that we want him to be prime minister, but in a power-world such as ours, you have no chance."

Sneh, a former health minister, laughed at suggestions that he was too "gray" a candidate with a mostly military background. He said he was perceived as serious because he took matters that affect the state seriously.

Ben-Ami brushed aside criticism that he had no experience in politics besides serving as ambassador to Spain. He argued that the Labor Party had "lost its soul" and its social conscience, which he said had alienated poorer Israelis.

Arbel condemns attacks on courts, prosecution

By BATSHEVA TSUR

State Attorney Edna Arbel yesterday condemned the recent attacks on the Supreme Court and the State Attorney's Office, calling them "a dangerous phenomenon."

"It is in the public's interest that they remain strong and immune [from political attacks]," Arbel said, in an interview with Channel 1. "The state attorneys do their work professionally, and I must stress that only relevant matters are considered."

Arbel defended the decision to indict former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, who was acquitted last week, saying that she had taken the decision together with former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair.

"Ben-Yair did not push me into it and I did not push him," she said. "The investigation showed that there was apparently evidence

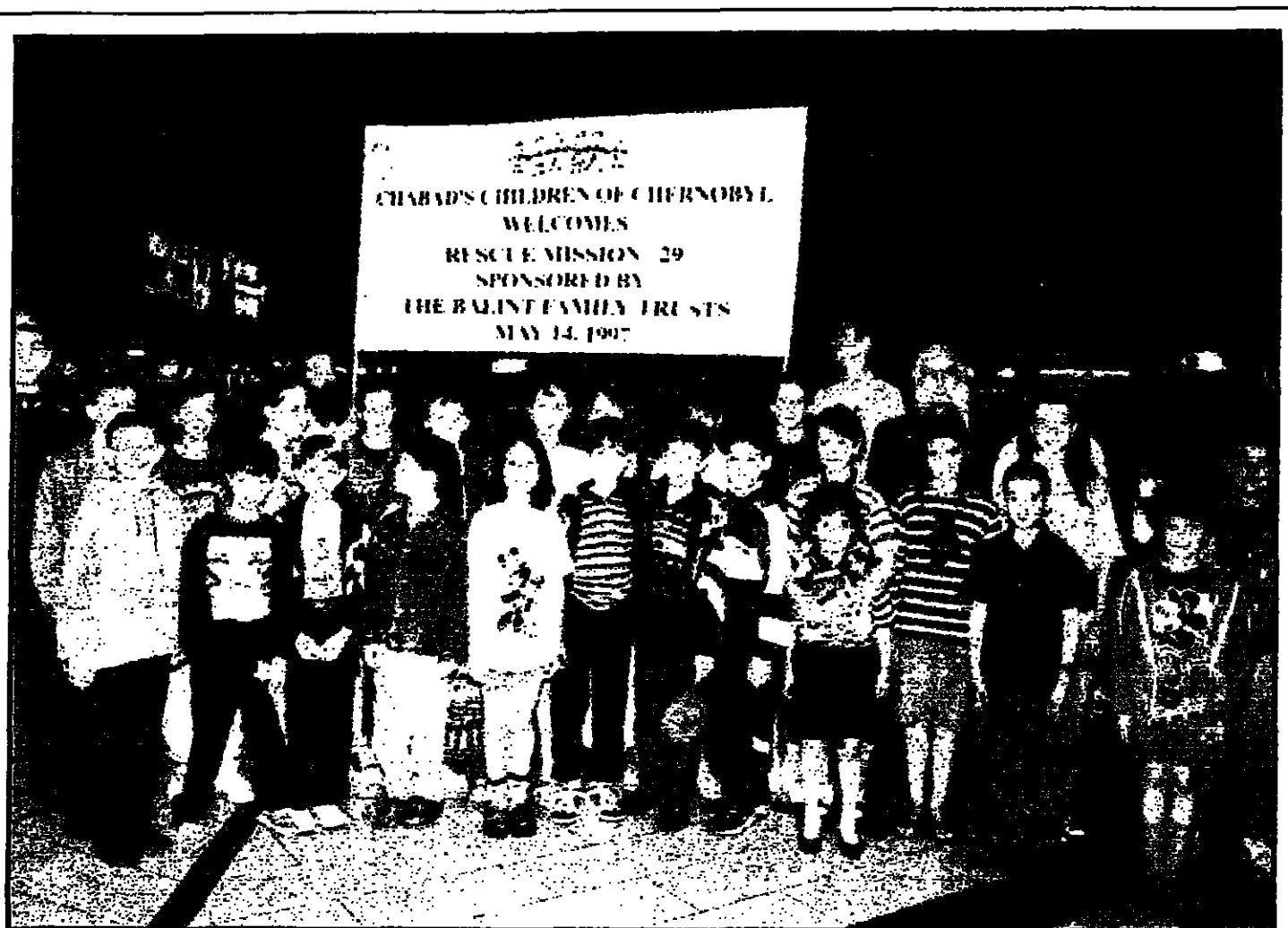
to indict him."

But, she said, "we are studying the court decision and will draw the necessary conclusions."

Responding to public criticism that there have been too many indictments against public figures who are later acquitted, Arbel said: "I don't wish to keep statistics... there are many acquittals and many convictions."

She noted that there is a long process of investigation and consultation before an indictment is presented. This, she said, is true not only of public figures, but of anyone suspected of a crime.

"We are aware, too, that there may be motives of political rivalry against a public figure," when allegations are made, she said. Nevertheless, "it is essential that we all demand there be a high standard of ethics" among those who are in the public eye.



Chernobyl children

Twenty-five children, ranging in age from seven to 13, arrive on the 29th Habad flight from Chernobyl last Thursday. The flight brings to 1,457 the number of children evacuated by Habad since the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Localities to intensify protest actions today

The local authorities said they would close schools and shut down most local services beginning this morning, in an attempt to pressure the government to help solve their debt crisis.

Some 3,000 people took part in a demonstration opposite the Prime Minister's Office on Friday, sponsored by the Union of Local Authorities. ULA leaders met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Dan Meridor, and Interior Minister Eli Suissa after the protest.

The leaders claimed in the meeting that the government is not honoring signed agreements, thus

creating an intolerable situation in which services are given to local residents without funding.

After the meeting, the ULA chairman Adi Eldar complained that Netanyahu was continuing to "throw sand in the face of the ULA leaders and continuing to harm residents of local authorities." Netanyahu's way of dealing with the crisis is not acceptable to the ULA, Eldar said.

Netanyahu promised the local leaders that Meridor and Suissa will be consulted soon in an attempt to solve the problem, the Prime Minister's Office said, in a statement. (Itim)

Pupils protest 'bagrut' decision

The National Student Council plans to petition the High Court of Justice against the Education Ministry decision to have a committee decide which three matriculation exams are to be optional this year, rather than have a computer choose the exams to be dropped. Pupils also plan to demonstrate tonight at Kikar Rabin. Pupils at many high schools around the country did not come to class on Friday, also to protest the decision. (Itim)

New fertility hormones promising

By JUDY SIEGEL

Three new genetically engineered fertility hormones are undergoing clinical trials at a number of Israeli hospitals.

The recombinant gonadotropins, all made by Ares-Serono of Switzerland, overcome the problems posed by the natural versions of these drugs, which are processed from the urine of menopausal or pregnant women.

Ares-Serono this week announced the first birth following fertility treatment with the drugs - Gonol-F (human follicle stimulating hormone), LHadi (human luteinizing hormone), and Ovidrel (human chorionic gonadotropin).

The healthy baby boy was delivered in March after his mother was treated at Middlesex Hospital in London for failure to ovulate due to the lack of hormone secretion.

Company representative Ernesto Bertarelli called the baby's birth "a turning point in the history of drug development in the field of infertility, as we are now able to treat this condition with the full range of recombinant fertility hormones developed by Ares-Serono... I am sure that, in just a few years, biosynthetic hormones will replace all the preparations derived from human urine currently in use."

The series of drugs induces the growth and maturation of ovarian follicles and then trigger ovulation.

The natural forms of the three hormones have been used to treat both female and male infertility since the 1960s. Since the early '80s, they have also been used to induce the growth of multiple follicles in the ovaries of women needing in-vitro fertilization.

The demand for urine-derived hormones grew tremendously during the past decade, causing a serious shortage. The most common source of the urine was nurseries.

In addition to providing an unlimited supply, recombinant techniques control production fully at all steps and the synthetic drugs are pure, containing none of the extraneous proteins that couldn't be eliminated from urine.

The Health Ministry approved the marketing of Gonol-F here



Sebastian, the baby born in London in March after his mother underwent fertility treatments with a trio of genetically engineered drugs.

last month, and a number of babies have already been born following treatment of their mothers during clinical trials at nine local hospitals. Now Ares-Serono is carrying out clinical trials of the trio of recombinant hormones at several hospitals.

Winning cards

In Friday's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the jack of spades, 10 of hearts, 8 of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

Golani run begins today

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The traditional five-day Golani Brigade run from the Hermon to Eilat takes off today and will pass through 50 towns and villages throughout the country.

This year's run is the 17th. Last year's run was canceled for financial reasons.

Instead of following one long route, each day groups of soldiers belonging to the Golani Brigade's training battalion will run in various parts of the country under the brigade banner. All battalion soldiers will take part in the 675 kilometer run.

This year's run will be in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Six Day War and will also place special emphasis to the environment. Golani troops will spend part of the week cleaning up the Hula Valley, the Antipattis fortress near Rosh Ha'ayin, and the Negev monument near Beersheba.

OC Northern Command Maj-Gen. Amir Levine is to officially start the northern leg of the run in Kiryat Shmona at 8:30 this morning.

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In the picture: (left to right): Libi Fund Chairman General Danny Matt (Res.), Mr. Avi Golan and Mr. Benzi Miller.

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